

**THE STORY  
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# FOREWORD

**I**N THE past twenty-two years much has been accomplished by the Colored women of Illinois. Those who are closely connected with or deeply interested in the Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, know of the struggle that has been made and the success that has been attained.

Time, in its progress has, however, taken from the work many of the pioneers and has substituted those of a younger generation. who like the general public, oftentimes do not appreciate the fullness of organized effort. Realizing this and the fact that records of the Federation were frequently being lost, it was decided at the meeting held at Bloomington in 1918, to appoint a Historian to compile the records or rather, write a story of the work that has been done up to the present time.

Because of the fact that I have had an unusual opportunity to be present at practically every meeting of the State Federation and have been active in club work since its conception among colored women, I was given the task of writing this story. I unfortunately, cannot lay claim to any especial literary ability, but have undertaken the work with a sincerity of interest that I trust will overshadow any lack of fitness.


The functions of this volume have to do with Club Women of prominence and character, who have accomplished deeds and are not surrounded with duties appealing to the imagination for appreciation or condemnation.

The women herein mentioned, may be justly proud of their record, splendid enthusiasm, lofty ideals, patriotism and other achievements—the traditions of the Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

Space has prevented my giving credit to all the loyal women, who have made the club movement in Illinois a success, nor am I able to extend my thanks and appreciation to the legion who have so heartily co-operated with me by furnishing data, advice and inspiration.

My greatest desire in presenting this volume, is that those younger women among our ranks will find in it, information that will give them a greater appreciation of the work and usefulness of the "Pioneers" and that through this greater appreciation, they will be inspired to "Carry On".

THE AUTHOR.



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# Preface

When the Public was informed that Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis would edit a volume relating the story of the Club movement of her colored sisters of Illinois, all looked with anxious eyes for its appearance, knowing that it would be difficult to find a worthier chronicler.

Mrs. Davis by association, training and experience is well fitted for such a task. Knowing her as I do, I confidently believe that she and her production will receive the respectful attention that they merit. Mrs. Davis is a product of Illinois, being the daughter of Thomas and Sophia Jane Lindsay, who were pioneers of Peoria, Illinois. She graduated from the Bureau County High School at Princeton, Illinois. As a child she was possessed of an unusual thirst for knowledge and the high standard of scholarship attained by her in school and college was an ocular demonstration of the fact that a Negro child shows no inferiority and that the inferiority that it seems to manifest in after years is due to its dwarfing and benumbing environment. She seems to have been born for service and with her talents highly cultivated, she felt that she should not hide her light under a bushel.

After graduation, she immediately entered upon her chosen profession, that of school teaching, one of the noblest of the professions, for popular Education as James A. Garfield said, "is next to Freedom and Justice, without which freedom and justice cannot be permanently maintained." She taught in Keokuk, Iowa; Louisville, Kentucky; Quincy, Illinois; and New Albany, Indiana and has been a teacher, in a broader sense, ever since she left the school room.

Her educational work has been in the Sabbath School, upon the lecture platform, in fraternal societies, in clubs of various kinds and in the field of politics. In these organizations she has been a powerful agency in moulding society and has helped all those with whom she has come in contact. Her aim has been to promote the welfare and advancement of not only her own people, but all the people.

It has been my good fortune to have known her for a score and a half years and during this acquaintance I have frequently been in her presence. I have seen her in that home ornamented by her queenly bearing and time and time again I have sat under the sound of her voice as she has spoken upon subjects that have occupied public attention and thought. I have been enlightened by her bril-

liant thoughts and lifted to higher plains of thought and action by her lofty sentiments. She is one of those choice spirits whom God has given to the world to bless society; a slave to principle, she calls no one her Master.

Mrs. Davis has not lived to herself, but on the contrary, has identified herself with all the great movements calculated to advance her racial group and benefit mankind. She was one of the pioneers in the organization of colored women's club throughout the country. When this movement was inaugurated it had in its ranks many exceptionally strong women, women that any race might feel proud of. Let me name a few of them; Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Mrs. Blanche K. Bruce, Mrs. Josephine Silone Yates, Mrs. Ida B. Wells Barnett, Mrs. Lucy Thurman, Miss Elizabeth C. Carter, Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, Miss Hallie Q. Brown, Mrs. Libbie C. Anthony, Mrs. Ida Joyce Jackson, Mrs. Mamie E. Steward, Mrs. Willie Layton, Mrs. Frances E. W. Harper, Mrs. Emma Ransom, Mrs. Mary McCloud Bethune, Miss Cornelia Bowen and others. In this distinguished group Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis occupied a conspicuous place, a peer with any of them in her interest in and devotion to a great cause; doing a work that shines out even amid the splendor of this brilliant galaxy of noble women.

She was a charter member of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, organized in Washington, D. C., in 1896 and served as its National Organizer from 1901 to 1906 and from 1912 to 1916. While she is a National character, she is not without honor where she lives and is best known. Illinois is prolific with strong women, good women, women who have missions, and a will and desire to perform them. Mrs. Davis is in the front rank of women who claim Chicago as their home. She is a member of the following organizations: Chicago League of Women Voters; Women's City, Woman's Aid, Giles Charity, and the Phyllis Wheatley Clubs, the latter of which she has been president for twenty-four years. She was the promoter and founder of the Phyllis Wheatley Home for girls, was its first president and is a life member of the Board of Directors. Had she nothing to her credit and honor other than the promotion and establishment of this Home for girls, she would long live in the hearts of a grateful people. She is active in social affairs and is a member of St. Marks M. E. Church. Indeed, her whole life has been one of service. The highest tribute I can pay to her is that, she is a good woman; the sacrifices she has made, the work she has performed have not been in vain. They have awakened in her own life and in the lives of thousands of others an aroma that has sweetened society—an invisible influence that is potential for good.

I am quite familiar with what my colored sisters of Illinois have done in club work during the past twenty-two years; they have labored against tremendous odds; they have surmounted obstacles from which hearts less strong than theirs would have shrunk; they have plodded on with the patience of the 'man of Oz' for the goal and their efforts have been crowned with the success they so justly deserve. Many of their offices of Love are unpublished; many of their achievements unheralded, but they have labored on until they stand to day a living evidence of what it is possible for good women to accomplish. As a citizen of Illinois, indebted to my sisters for what they have done to make society better and the atmosphere I breathe purer, I am happy to know that the public is to be told the story of the club movement among the colored women of Illinois. Especially so as that story is to be told by such a worthy personage as Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, who on account of the part she has played is able to relate it in every detail.

ADELBERT H. ROBERTS

Chicago, Ill., July 17th, 1922





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# THE STORY of the ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS

## Chapter One

**I**N THESE 20th Century days when the value of organization is acknowledged on every hand by all classes and conditions of Men and Women; when nothing is attempted or accomplished save through organized effort, it almost seems superfluous to state how a few women of Illinois, belonging to a group very little understood and appreciated, caught the Vision of the progressive Future, of a broader and more enlightened scope of activities, and determined to get into the highway of the World's civilization, to keep step and march in tune with others who were striving for higher ideals and a larger spirit of co-operation.

The story of 22 years of struggle by these pioneer women to overcome untold obstacles and almost insurmountable difficulties, the blazing of the trail through the dark Wilderness of the then unexplored Club world, fills one with wonder. So great an impress have they made upon this great State that they have long since become a potent factor in all things worth while pertaining to the State and Nation. In order that those may be enlightened who are not familiar with the growth of the Club movement among Colored women, the following facts will not be amiss.

In 1895 an obscure man in an obscure Missouri town sent a letter broad-cast over this country and England, reflecting upon the character and morals of our Women. So utterly false were the vile statement, that the women were aroused as never before and when Mrs. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, President of the New Era Club of Boston, called a meeting of protest in July 1895, the indignant women from North, South, East and West flocked to the "Classie Hub", and in no uncertain terms vindicated the honor of the Race. The National Federation of Colored Women's Club was the result of that meeting, with Mrs. Booker T. Washington at its head. However, another National organization, the Women's Loyal Union, with Mrs. Cooke as President existed at Washington and the women soon realized that two organizations so identically similar could not work harmoniously as separate units. Therefore the two organizations

met at Washington, in July 1896, and each appointed a committee to arrange for a consolidation, which was effected and the National Association of C. W. C. came into existence with Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, of international fame, as President. This joint session was attended by some of the most notable women of the Race, among whom were Harriet Tubbsman, Francis E. W. Harper, poetess and writer, Victoria E. Matthews, founder of the White Rose Mission in New York, Josephine S. Yates, teacher and writer, and others. Mrs. Ida B. Wells Barnett and Elizabeth Lindsay Davis were the delegates from Illinois.

The first meeting of the new organization was held at Nashville, Tenn., in the Centennial year of 1897 and Mrs. Connie Curl, President of the Civic League and Mrs. Elizabeth L. Davis, President of the Phyllis Wheatley Club were elected as delegates from Chicago.

These delegates assumed the responsibility of inviting the N. A. C. W. to hold its next biennial meeting in their city in 1899, and the invitation was accepted. The following named Clubs were at that time in existence:

Ida B. Wells Club, Mrs. Ida B. Wells Barnett, President; Phyllis Wheatley, Mrs. E. L. Davis, President; Civic League, Mrs. Connie A. Curl, President; Progressive Circle of King's Daughters; Ideal Women's Club, Mrs. Kate Hall, President; G. O. P. Elephant Club, Mrs. Susie Fields; Julia Gaston Club. (Evanston, Illinois), Mrs. Kizzie Bills, Pres.

These pioneer clubs, the "Magic Seven" as they were called, upon hearing the report of the delegates, decided to organize under the name of the "Women's Conference" with Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams as President, for the sole purpose of entertaining the N. A. W. C. How loyally they worked and how well, has long since passed into history, a brilliant record of one of the best meetings the National has ever held. No city has ever excelled or equalled Chicago in its press comments which were compiled by Mrs. Mary Terrell, printed and sold to create a fund for the support of the first department of the N. A. C. W., a Kindergarten.

Some of the members of the Women's Conference thought their mission ended with the Closing Program of the great meeting at Quinn Chapel, but the farsighted ones knew that the possibilities for the State work through organized effort were unlimited, and the Women's Conference became a permanent organization under the name of the Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs with Mrs. Mary Jane Jackson, of Jacksonville, Ill., as President.

As a result of this foresightness, and splendid co-operative effort, a meeting was called at the Institutional Church in October, 1899.

## Chapter Two

### GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FEDERATION.

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**I**N THE early days of the Federation, when the women were groping for light and the cry of their hearts was "To Know, To Know," the topics most important to them were; how the club movement could be made to reach every woman in every part of the State and how kindergartens could be fostered wherever needed.

The kindergarten problem first claimed the attention of the members. A resolution had been adopted at the first meeting of the Federation and each Club had pledged itself to contribute to the support of a worthy young woman, selected by the Federation, to take training in this work. Rapid progress was made and the Federation continued to foster the movement until the establishment of kindergartens in connection with public schools.

The means of reaching the women of the State was a more difficult problem for solution and it was not until Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton, became President (1919-1920) that a satisfactory arrangement was completed whereby the State was divided into three District Federations. These were called the Northern (or Chicago), Central and Southern Districts. This arrangement has proven to be very helpful in developing community interests and has given women, who had no idea of what Club life really meant, a keener insight into the broadening influences of contact and mutual understanding.

During this adolescent period of the Federation, many blunders were made. There were innumerable misunderstandings and many stumbles over obstacles that presented themselves on that dark road through the wilderness of the new movement.

The first organizers had many laughable experiences over letters received from members in various parts of the State, who confused the club idea with that of fraternal organizations and thought they must meet in upper rooms, behind closed doors and be admitted with a pass-word. But as the years went on, the work grew and women were guided out of their narrow spheres into a bigger and more progressive atmosphere, learning that the world was not made for "me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more", but that they were living in an age where there were big things to be done for Humanity and the world.

The evolution from the Church aid and literary society to organizations covering every phase of religious, civic, educational, philanthropic and political life, for community betterment, has been remarkable.

Once colored women knew no other creeds except those of Baptist and Methodist. Now they are found in the ranks of Christian Science, New Thought, Theosophy, Bahaism and many others. In fact, women are the largest contributors to, and supporters of the magnificent churches, whose lofty spires point Heavenly, throughout the State. The sleek and comfortably housed pastors would be in a sorry plight, were it not for the loyal women members of their congregations. Yet no group of public officials were more antagonistic at the outset than the ministers, but they have long since been converted and now realize the value of organized effort among women. Now doors fly open in friendly welcome everywhere and they gladly come to confer with the women on every matter of interest to the masses.

Committees composed of women are found in the courts, looking after dependant and delinquent children, investigating criminal conditions and unjust discrimination. They believe in good government and worked hard to obtain, first partial and then full suffrage. That these women are an important factor in the political world is evidenced by the eagerness with which the wily politicians of all parties seeks to win favor with them. Realizing, however, their inexperience and determined not to be exploited, they have in their clubs throughout the State, instituted regular classes in Citizenship conducted by experts, that they may intelligently think and act for themselves in selecting the best men or women to fill the high places in the Government. They are determined that no one party can say that it owns colored women body and soul.

The educational progress has ben marked each year by an increased number of graduates from High Schools, Colleges and Universities. Under the administration of Mrs. A. L. Anderson, (1921-22) a Scholarship Fund was established to assist worthy students in securing an education. The business world is filled with these graduates, who are following their vocations with unbounded success.

Philanthropy is still a potent factor in most Clubs, hundreds of cases being handled annually, by the clubs themselves, and through their affiliations with the social agencies in their communities. Among the many institutions throughout the State, receiving financial assistance are: The Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Phyllis Wheatly Home, the Amanda Smith Orphanage, the Old Folk's Home, the Provident Hospital and various Day Nurseries in Chicago, and the Lincoln Home, Springfield, the Yates Memorial Hospital at Cairo, the Lillian Jamieson Home at Decatur, the Home for Dependent Children at Bloomington, the Woman's Aid Community House at Peoria, and the Iroquois Home for girls at Evanston.



The social side of life has by no means been neglected. No one who has ever attended one of the very pleasant musicals, receptions or other social functions of the State or Community, can fail to marvel at the wonderful talent displayed, the exquisite taste shown or the courteous ease with which everything is conducted. It is, indeed, a revelation when it is taken into consideration, that the majority of colored women belong in the humble walks of life, so far as worldly goods are concerned; that many of them are wage earners, supplementing their husbands small salaries in their ambitious effort to give their children superior advantages; that these women have been denied opportunities which women of the other groups have enjoyed; that they have been the prey of human vultures, both white and black and yet have risen resplendant and triumphant, rejoicing in a pure noble Womanhood.

## Chapter Three

### CLUBS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES

#### THE AMERICAN ROSE ART CLUB

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The American Rose Art Club is one of the most active clubs in the State. Most of its members are young matrons and their weekly meetings are made especially interesting by an interchange of ideas on household economics and the artistic needlework they do, under the guidance of an expert instructor.

During the administration of Mrs. Mildred Williams, a sum of money was raised to send a blind man to his home in England, but as he was a dependent, the British government refused to receive him. The club does a large amount of philanthropic work and contributes to the different institutions of the city. An unique feature of their meetings is the serving before commencing their business, thus assuring a prompt attendance.

#### THE ART AND STUDY CLUB

MOLINE, ILLINOIS

The Art and Study Club was organized October 18th, 1913, and through the kindness and providence of God has been successful both in a financial and social way. The club motto is "To improve and Inspire" and they have been very successful in assisting four girls to obtain High School educations. Our women have developed a deeper and fuller home life and fully realize that club life is essential to the highest type of womanhood, and that as women, they must stand united for God, ourselves and our race. It is with great pleasure that we mentioned the following noble women who have served as presidents of the Art and Study Club, and are indispensable factors in not only the elevation of the club, but the community in which they live. Edith Tiffin Stewart, first President, Eva Bradley, Nora Brown, Hattie Britten, and Serena Holmes. A large amount of charity work has been accomplished by the club, visiting the sick, clothing the destitute, feeding the poor, and endeavoring to help solve the great questions of the day in both civic and social life.



## AUTUMN LEAF CLUB GALESBURG, ILLINOIS

The Autumn Leaf Club, is the oldest Colored Women's Club in the State of Illinois. It was organized in June of 1890 by Madame Crummer Davis with a membership of 24 women. The Club has devoted its efforts towards assisting Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church, and has raised large sums of money for that purpose. There are four Charter members remaining. They are Mrs. Mary Simms, Mrs. Ester McGruder, Mrs. Susan Allen and Madame Crummer Davis.

Mrs. Emma Kidal, President  
Mrs. Elda Walters, Secretary

## THE BIG SISTER'S CLUB DECATUR, ILLINOIS

The Big Sister's Club was organized in 1913 with ten members. Among the women who figured prominently in its organization were Mrs. Lillian Jameson, Mrs. Lillian Buster, Mrs. Olive Clanton, Mrs. Caroline Kelley, and Miss Sylvia Lawrence. "Lift as We Climb" was adopted as their motto and green and white their colors. Charity and social uplift has been the object of the club and since its organization, many families have been aided with clothes, groceries and coal. In several instances house-rent has been paid. Homes have been secured for friendless children and several young girls have been rescued from the city jails and their fare paid to their homes.

In 1918 the Club began buying a seven room house to be used as a home for dependent Colored women and children. The property is now paid for and the Club has a reserve fund of \$300, besides furniture, dishes and clothes. The home has been incorporated and opened under the name of the "Lillian Jameson Home", in honor of Mrs. Lillian Jameson.

The past Presidents of the Club are: Mrs. Lilian Buster, Mrs. Idaline Long and Mrs. Sylvia Lawrence.

Mrs. Minnie Kelly-Carr, President  
Mrs. Mary E. Moore, Vice-President  
Hennie Story Ellis, Secretary  
Bertha Crockett, Treasurer

## THE BENEVOLENT WORKERS OF MARION

### MARION, ILLINOIS

The Club known as the Benevolent Workers of Marion, was organized in 1919 by Mrs. Anderson, State Organizer. "Lift as We Climb" was adopted as the Club motto and its members have worked hard to accomplish their objective. At present they are buying a piece of real estate on which is to be erected a Club Home. The President, Mrs. Ruth Griffiths, has proved of sterling worth in directing the activities of the group over which she presides.

A children's auxiliary, called "The Sunbeam Workers", has been organized and is growing rapidly.

Miss Lizzy Hustler, Secretary.

Mrs. Ruth E. Griffiths, President

## COMMUNITY CLUB

### CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS

One of the most recent additions to the Federation is the Community Club organized May 27, 1918 by Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton, with Mrs. Hattie E. English as President. The motto adopted, "We Live to Serve" has been faithfully lived up to, especially in rendering assistance to the needy poor of the community. A juvenile auxiliary organized by Miss Daisey Renfroe, in 1919 is proving a great success.

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## THE UNION CHARITY CLUB

### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Chicago Union Charity Club was organized April 10, 1910 with Mrs. Emma Chandler as President. Established as an auxiliary of the Old Folk's Home, its activities for the first few years were restricted, but as its membership grew and increasing success attended their efforts, its scope was broadened to include general charitable work. Aside from individual charity cases, many worthy causes or institutions have been beneficiaries of the generosity of this organization.

Among those to which larger contributions have been given may be mentioned; the Y. W. C. A., the Atlanta Fire and the Dayton flood sufferers, the "Chicken" Joe Campbell Trial Fund, the Frederick Douglass Memorial Fund, the Old Folk's Home, the Amanda Smith and the Oak Forest Homes, and the Old Soldier's Widows Rest. Company "A" of the 8th Regiment was adopted during the period of the war and many a grateful hero will attest to the loyal service rendered and the devotion shown them.

## THE CENTRAL DISTRICT FEDERATION

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

The many earnest and enthusiastic women club workers living in central Illinois, frequently unable to attend the annual meetings of the State Federation, hailed with delight, the recommendation to organize a convenient federation, where they could, although on a smaller scale, have all the advantages of the State meeting. The first meeting held at Wards A. M. E. Chapel in Peoria on March 22, 1918 was a great success and the well attended meetings at Macomb, Canton and Galesburg, coupled with the surprising increase in the activities of the local club women, are sufficient evidence of the need that the district organization fills. The Presidents of the District have been:

Mrs. Julia Lindsay Gibson, (1919-1920) Peoria, Mrs. Mildred Farral, 1920-1922, Canton, Mrs. Victoria Thomas, 1922, Bloomington.

## THE NORTHERN DISTRICT FEDERATION

In the Spring of 1906, Mrs. Cordelia West, one of the most active and faithful of our Pioneer workers conceived the idea and called together for a conference at the Frederick Douglas Center, the Presidents and interested members of the local clubs, to discuss plans for co-operating in closer relationship along the various lines of work within the scope of women's clubs. The organization of the Chicago City Federation, which in the space of a few years has grown from an enrollment of fifteen to over sixty clubs, was the result. In 1921 the City Federation was incorporated under the name of the Chicago and Northern District of Colored Women's Clubs with a membership of over two thousand women.

The Northern District Federation is affiliated with, the N. A. C. W., the North-Western Federation, the State Federation and the League of Women Voters. It is pledged to the cause of philanthropy, education and the integrity of the home and has the support of the best people in every community. The faith and hope of the organizer has long since been justified and the Federation has become one of the strong, constructive agencies in the city.

Besides having assisted over three thousand individual charity cases, the Federation has divided large sums among the following listed institutions and causes:

The Amanda Smith Home. ✓

The Phyllis Wheatley Home. ✓

The Frederick Douglass Center.

Chicago Peace and Protective Association.

Equal Suffrage Association.

Illinois League of Women Voters.  
Woman's Legislative Congress.  
Woman's Eight Hour Bill.  
Tulsa Riot Suffers.  
The Bundy and other Defense Funds.  
The N. A. A. C. P.  
Ella Flagg Young Monument Fund.  
Picture for the 8th Reigment Armory.  
The Chicago Urban League.  
✓ Old Folks Home.  
The Louise Juvenile Home.  
The Provident Hospital.

✓ The Institutional and Quinn Chapel Churches, the Wahnetta, the Wendell Phillips and the Necessity Day Nurseries.

On the basis of its past success, the Federation has planned and is looking forward to what will have been its greatest achievement, the purchasing of a commodious Woman's Club House, to be used for all purposes that such a building would imply.

## CORNELL CHARITY CLUB

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Organized January 23, 1902, in the neighborhood of Fifty-fourth and Wright streets, now Normal Boulevard, with a membership of fifteen, the Cornell Charity Club has set a worthy precedent by rendering prompt assistance in all worthy cases of charity reported to them, without regard Race, Creed, Color or any other condition.

They have aided in a liberal financial way, such institutions as; the Old Folks Home, the Amanda Smith Orphanage, the Phyllis Wheatley Home, the Provident Hospital, the Louise Juvenile Home, a Girl's School in Daytona, Florida and Ebenezer Church in its work of feeding the unemployed.

This Club has been affiliated with the State Federation since its inception and has shared a part of all the responsibilities assumed by the City, State and National Federations. This Club has been honored by having on its roll the following named City, National and State Officers:

Mrs. Annie Peyton, (now deceased), Corresponding Secretary of the National; Mrs. Theresa G. Macon, Past President of the State Federation, President of the City Federation and Past Third Recording Secretary of the National; Mrs. Ella G. Berry, Past Vice-President of the City Federation, Past Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and Recording

Secretary of the State Federation; Mrs. Elvie Stewart, Past Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board, Past Parliamentarian, Past Corresponding Secretary of State and City Federations; Mrs. Genevieve Coleman, Past Corresponding Secretary and Organizer in State; Mrs. Carrie Horton, Past Parliamentarian of State; Mrs. Minnie E. Roach, Past Recording Secretary of State; and Mrs. Marie Toles-Mitchell, (deceased) Past Treasurer of the City Federation.

Membership in the Club is limited to fifty-two. It has always met regularly, is doing splendid work and living up to its motto "Charity to All, Malice towards None."

Founders—Mrs. Lizzie Bell, Mrs. Sarah Burton, Mrs. Hattie Hardy, Mrs. Alice Lyles, Mrs. Emma Kennedy, Mrs. Clara Cooper, Mrs. Nettie Jones, Mrs. Emma Stewart, Mrs. Helen Collins, Mrs. Alice Green, Mrs. Alice Augustus, Mrs. Susan Jackson, Mrs. Adelaide Brown.

## THE COLORED WOMAN'S CLUB

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

The Colored Woman's Club was organized in 1901 for the purpose of bringing the women of the community together; to stimulate a greater interest in literature, philanthropy and social contact. The club has worked steadily through the years along these lines and has done much good. Miss Emma Smith, a successful business woman was its first President.

## THE COLORED WOMAN'S AID CLUB

DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

The Colored Woman's Aid Club. was organized September 10, 1902 by Mrs. Jennie McLain, State Organizer, with Mrs. Annie Bass Robinson, President, Miss Florence Pamplin, Secretary and Mrs. Francis Newby as Treasurer. The Club joined the Federation in 1905. In 1906 they bought a piece of property at the corner of Union and Cherry street, valued at \$1700.00 where they have located their Club rooms and a Social Center for the young people. The Club is at the present time composed of thirty-six women, striving "To Lift as They Climb."

Mrs. Annie Bass Robinson, Mrs. Arzelia Taylor, Mrs. Laura Lee, Mrs. Mary Harding, Mrs. Kathryn B. Hardin,



## DOMESTIC ART CLUB

### BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

The Domestic Art Club, was organized December 18, 1915 by Mrs. Margaret Wyche with a membership of eighteen women, who had been impressed with the necessity of such an organization as a means of individual and community service. It has since grown to a membership of forty eight resolute and active women, working to the motto; "Loyalty to Women and Justice to Children."

The Club came to a community of many earnest and capable women, who through lack of organization, found it impossible to reach their highest efficiency. Its coming has meant concerted aim and the end of duplicated effort. Although one of the infant clubs of its kind in the State, it stood the acid test of war time community service in such a satisfactory manner as to endear itself to the community at large without respect to Race or Creed. In connection with this service, they maintained one of the most creditable booths at the Red Cross sale, held during the War in Bloomington. Such a potent factor has the Domestic Art Club become in civic affairs that no important move for the relief or betterment of conditions among the colored people of their City, was made during or has been made since the war, without representatives of the Club first being consulted.

## DOUGLASS PARENT TEACHERS CLUB

### MOUNDS, ILLINOIS

In order to develop a better understanding between parent, teacher and child, Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton worked to organize this club. For five years the work has been successful and many desired results have been obtained. Many educative lectures have been featured by the club. An oratorical contest among the students was held at one time. Three monthly magazines were placed on the reading table for a year, the pictures of the distinguished Presidents, the Frederick Douglass Home and the recognized certificate of the school were framed by this ambitious band. Tag Day has been a special feature and one hundred dollars was raised in this manner with which a community Christmas tree was arranged and clothing, shoes, candies and fruits were given worthy ones. Payments on a victrola for the little ones were made. Mrs. Lessie Spann is the president, Miss Rose Lindsay, secretary and Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton treasurer. Mrs. Inez Mosley is a past president and Mrs. Minnie Howard-Tabor is a past secretary. The club is named for the honorable Frederick Douglass, adopting the name of the school.

## THE EAST SIDE WOMAN'S CLUB

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The East Side Woman's Club organized May 12, 1912 has been particularly active in charitable work. The small group of women composing this Club have raised and expended over \$900.00 since their organization. Among their beneficiaries are the Old Folks Home, which they have once cleaned and to which they make an annual donation and the Amanda Smith Home to which has been pledged \$100.00. Under the guidance of Mrs. Elizabeth Crawley as President and Mrs. Florence Edmondson, Secretary, even greater work can be expected in the future.

## GOLDEN SEAL CLUB

MURPHYSBORO, ILLINOIS

The Golden Seal Club was organized May 6, 1918 by Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton with ten members. In May 1919 the club entertained the Southern District meeting. Their motto is "Loyalty to Women and Justice to Children" and their aim is "Lift as they Climb."

They have secured an amusement park which will in the near future be fitted out with the necessary equipment, pay rent for aged widows and give an annual Thanksgiving dinner for the sick and needy.

Mrs. Pearl Powell, President

Mrs. Maud Lovings, Secretary.

## THE GAUDEAMUS CHARITY CLUB

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Gaudemus (meaning "Let Us Rejoice") Charity Club came into being on the evening of August 21, 1911 when a few earnest and zealous women met at the home of Mrs. Fannie Calloway and were organized into a club by Mrs. Ida Lewis, State Organizer and Mrs. E. L. Davis, State President of the Illinois State Federation.

Mrs. Adelaide Brown gave the club its name and motto, "To Be Rather Than To Seem", and education, charity and child welfare were decided upon as the objects of the efforts of its members. There were only seven charter members, Mesdames E. Irene August, Fannie Calloway, Sadie L. Adams, Adelaide Brown, Clara Johnson, Rosa Nolly and Miss Louise Halacre, but the growth has been so rapid that it has been necessary to set a limit of fifty. Space will not permit mention of the many individual charity cases to which aid has been given, but among the larger contributions to worthy causes are:

Urban League, \$5.00 (yearly); Illinois Home and Aid Society, \$5.00 (yearly); Unemployed, 1920-21) \$15.00 and a large supply of clothing; Phyllis Wheatley Home, \$25.00; Dr. Leroy Bundy Fund, \$25.00; Frederick Douglass Memorial Fund, \$25.00; Y. W. C. A., (1921-22), \$20.00, Oklahoma Riot Sufferers, \$15.00 and clothing; Cairo Flood Sufferers, \$5.00.

Entrance fee, for placing an old woman in the Old Folk's Home, \$200.00. Wounded Soldiers, \$12.00 and clothing.

During the war, Company "C" of the 8th Regiment was adopted and everything possible was done for the cheer and comfort of "their boys". Nor have they been forgotten since their return, the members of the club having visited and taken refreshments and smokes to the disabled patients of the Drexel and Tubercular Hospital.

## HATTIE Q. BROWN CHARITY CLUB

DUQUOIN, ILLINOIS

The Hallie Q. Brown Charity Club was organized by Miss Hallie Q. Brown, March 1908. Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett President, Mrs. Cordelia Holmes, Vice-President, Miss Minervia Bates Secretary, Miss Lucy Berkeley Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Webb, Treasurer

The club has done much toward the uplift of humanity. It has spent several hundred dollars in providing for the poor and distressed. It is unceasing in its efforts to bring the best people of our Race to the city to deliver addresses so as to inspire our young people to rise to higher plains of usefulness and appreciate their own Race and realize the fact that they belong to a Race of which they should be proud.

Mrs. Lizzie Barnett, President

Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Corr. Sec'y.

## HALLIE QUINN BROWN CLUB

MOLINE, ILLINOIS

Hallie Quinn Brown Club was organized in 1904 by Mrs. Ella Woods and Mrs. Clara Curd. As the membership increased the name of "Social Seven" was changed to the present one. The Club does purely philanthropic work and has helped to furnish the church and parsonage.



## IMPERIAL ART CLUB

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

In the year of 1907, during the month of May, four ladies met and organized an embroidery club which they named the "American Beauty Rose". Later this name was change to the Imperial Art Club. The enrollment has always been between thirty and thirty-five members, but over two hundred names have been on their books, including those of some of the most prominent women of the city. Only two charter members remain, Mrs. Thressa Bean and Mrs. Elizabeth Crawley.

The Imperial Art Club has always taken an active part in charitable work and has been a regular contributor to the Old Folks Home. The members have tried not to forget their motto, "Not Ourselves, but Others." The present officers are:

Mrs. Bessie Bell, President  
Mrs. Georgia Alexander, Vice-Pres.  
Mrs. Hinda Samuels, Secretary  
Mrs. Anna Tenery, Cor.-Secretary  
Mrs. Eugenia Burnes, Treasurer

## IDEAL WOMAN'S CLUB

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Ideal Woman's Club was organized in January of 1908, by Miss Ward and Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett, with a membership of eleven. This club has been unusually successful in its attainments, having contributed over \$3,000.00 to charity during the short period of its existence. It is a member of the City, State and National Federations. Under Mrs. Barnett's administration as president, the Ideal Club took the initiative in arranging the first "reciprocity" meeting of colored womens' clubs, ever held in Chicago.

## THE WOMAN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB.

OAK PARK AND MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

The Woman's Improvement Club, has done splendid work for community betterment since its organization. The recent loss of Mrs. Harrison, the president and one of its most active members, was a sad blow, but under the wise administration of her successor, Mrs. Mabel Simpson, the club is steadily progressing. They are now planning to establish a Home for the protection of women and girls.

## JULIA GASTON CLUB

EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

The Julia Gaston Club, was organized by Miss Mary McDowell, Nov., 1898, on the suggestion of Miss Julia Gaston who realized the value of organization among the women and who had already gathered together a few interested women and after her death the Club honored her by taking her name. Mrs. Kizzie Bills was the first President. This Club whose object was philanthropy has dispensed comfort and cheer many times throughout the community. Paul Lawrence Dunbar was once an honored guest of the Club.

## THE PHYLLIS WHEATLEY WOMAN'S CLUB

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Phyllis Wheatley Woman's Club was organized on March 17th, 1896 and Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis was elected and has continued to serve as its president with the exception of two years when Mrs. Ida Taylor and Mrs. Mary Fisher, respectively, filled the executive chair. The Club, conceived as a neighborhood betterment organization, immediately began fighting saloons in proximity to the schools and succeeded in closing one that was particularly disreputable.

Later a sewing school was established and maintained for five years under the supervision of the late Mrs. Rosie Pritchard Gunn, Mrs. Ophie Brown Wells, Mrs. Ella Darling, Mrs. Sadie Pritchard Hart, Mrs. Ada Brown Stewart and several others. For the last two years of its existence, Mrs. Mary Holloway, a graduate of the Domestic Science Department of Armour Institute, acted as instructor. To this school, all the boys and girls of the neighborhood, regardless of nationality, were heartily welcomed.

In 1904 a day nursery was opened at Trinity A. M. E. Mission at 18th and State Streets and supported by the club for two years with extraordinary success.

While engaged in these earlier activities the members of the Club were becoming more and more interested in a problem that was assuming alarming proportions that of colored women coming into the city, many of them from the best families in other States, and finding it impossible to secure a congenial environment in which to live or desirable employment by which to support themselves. Many of these girls were going astray by being led unawares into disreputable homes, entertainment and employment because of lack of the protection that strange girls of the other Races en-

joy. In 1906, it was decided to give over to other organizations the work that had previously been carried on by the members of the Phyllis Wheatley Club and concentrate all their efforts and resources on the solving of this larger problem.

Accordingly, a committee composed of five members, Mrs. Lula Farmer, Mrs. Anna Dunmore, Mrs. Laura Manning, Mrs. Naomi Fenwick, and Dr. Anna Cooper, was appointed to make arrangements for the purchase of a house, in a desirable neighborhood, to be used as a "home" for self-supporting girls. Mrs. Mary Fisher, chairman of the executive board and her daughter, Mrs. Endora Fisher Lockett, had given an entertainment to create a building fund and had realized \$135.86, which small sum made the first payment on a nine room house at 3530 Forest avenue.

This home, which cost \$3,400.00, was rented for two years until the owners equity had been paid and the mortgage reduced by \$500.00. In 1908 it was opened and immediately occupied by several girls who had been temporarily sheltered in the homes of the clubs members. Great credit for the early success of the homes goes to Mrs. Annie E. Hunter and Mrs. Ethel Caldwell who for three years contributed their services as matrons following respectively by Mrs. Louise Hardaman Jackson and Miss Jennie E. Lawrence who served for a very small salary.

So rapid was the progress in this new field of activity and so urgent was the need, that the club was attempting to meet, it was decided to invite representatives of other organizations to assist in the work and as a result of this action, the Phyllis Wheatley Home Association was formed. This association functions as a separate organization.

## LADIES CIVIC AND SOCIAL CLUB

### ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

The Ladies' Civic and Social Club was organized on May 24, 1904 by Misses Mary Carter and Adella Barnes. The membership was composed of the following ladies:

Miss Cora DePriest Etheridge, Mrs. Lizzie Blake, Miss Allie DeBolton Roibnson, Miss Anna Hodges Tucker, Miss Minnie Stamps Lindsay, Miss Ora White, Miss Nellie Huggard Williams, Mrs. Bertha Batxer, Mrs. Susan Robinson, Miss Edna Depriest, Mrs. Ella Harris, Miss Deerette Hodges Blakely, Mrs. Eva Roibnson.

"Onward and Upward" was adopted as the Club motto. The Club was organized for the purpose of pleasure, but soon realized the necessity of doing something for others. They assisted their pastors, in raising funds for Church work, gave aid to needy families, carried flowers to the

sick and lent a helping hand wherever it was needed. After joining the Federation, they were advised by the State Organizer to insert the word "Civic" in the Club name so it was changed to the "The Ladies' Civic and Social Club". All of the members in the Club at the time of its organization were young ladies and only four were married.

Adella Ross, President.

Ella Harris, Secretary.

## THE NONPAREIL CLUB

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

The Nonpareil Club was organized May 10, 1909 at the home of Mrs. Mary Donley. It has as its objects; study, charity work and pleasure. Originally composed of twelve members among whom were, Mrs. Mary Scott, Miss Estella Harrison, Miss Lola Danyus, Mrs. Ella Winn, Mrs. Emma Revell, Mrs. Martha Smith, Mrs. Clara Danyus, Mrs. Mary Donley, Mrs. Arintha Doehier, Mrs. Margaret Outz, and Mrs. Juanita Robinson, the club has exerted such an appeal through the success of its work that the membership has grown to thirty.

In November of 1911, they were addressed by Mrs. Ida Lewis, of Chicago, on "Club Work and the Advantage of Federation" and as a result joined the State Federation on January 16, 1912. In the thirteen years of their organization, they have lost two of their members by death, Mrs. Susan Woods and Mrs. P. M. Lewis, both well remembered for their loving helpful dispositions.

The club work has increased with the increased membership and not only have they helped local organizations on numerous occasions, but have extended assistance to enterprises in other cities as well. They have been especially active in welfare of the sick and needy. The spirit of help and uplift is strong and the members in helping others find themselves growing stronger in charity of thought and deed. Looking back over the path they have traveled and on ahead to the heights they hope to reach, they can justly feel to some extent worthy of their motto, "Lifting as We Climb."

## PROGRESSIVE ART CLUB

ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

A little over twelve years ago, a group of women were called together by Mrs. Altheda Moore and organized into the Progressive Art Club. For a number of years the principal line of work of this club was Art, Science and Literature, but gradually seeing the need of doing something for more

unfortunate ones, they have become a charitable organization in deed and in truth. Hundreds of men, women and children have been fed and clothed by this group of women, medical treatment and fuel provided where necessary and through the Juvenile Department many girls rescued from lives of immortality. Such well-known women as Rejinala Houston, Mary Windsor, Anna Harding, Marie Golden, Jennie McClain, Edith Stewart, Belle Taylor and many others which space will not permit mentioning have been moving lights in the administration in the affairs of this organization, and now that they have something really tangible to work for, they feel that God will make them successful and the least they do will be pleasing and acceptable in his sight.

### PHYLLIS WHEATLEY CLUB

GALESBURG, ILLINOIS

The Phyllis Wheatley Club was organized in 1910 by Mrs. Lula Richardson, now deceased, and Mrs. Eva Solomon. This Club started with a membership of 18 girls from twelve years old up. The first work of the Club was to place the A. M. E. Hymnal in Allen A. M. E. Church and since that time it has assisted the Church along other lines. Every year the Club gives a picnic for the children. Three charter members remain. They are Miss Glaze Allen, Mrs. Hazel Freese and Miss Marghesita.

Allene Fleming, President.

Dorothy Smalley, Secretary.

### THE PEORIA WOMAN'S AID CLUB

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

The Woman's Aid Club was organized in May 1899 by Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis. The object of this club at the time of its organization was charity, but as time passed and the membership grew, their vision broadened and they assumed activities along the lines of moral and civic improvement and social welfare. The social welfare activities have included, jail investigations, juvenile court, work house visiting, contributions to educational institutions, help to students, relief to the sick and aid to the needy.

The Club has also worked with the "Associated Charities and the Overseers of the poor. As a member of the Civic Federation, they have contributed to the establishment of the Peoria County Detention Home, to the maintenance of the Neighborhood House of the City of Peoria, and the Florence Crittendon Home and have rendered great service to the various churches. During the War an active part was taken in community ser-



vice work and a large amount invested by the club in War Saving Stamps and Liberty Bonds.

This Club has been a member ever since the organization of the State Federation and every State office has at some time been held by its various members. Among the distinguished persons who have been guest of the Club are: The late Booker T. Washington, Mary Church Terrell, Hallie Q. Brown, Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, and Mary B. Talbert.

### THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FEDERATION

The vision of Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton, president of the Illinois Federation (1916-18) was realized, when her tactful recommendation of dividing the State into Districts, was adopted. The idea behind this plan was to enable women to attend a heart to heart gathering in small groups, where they found it impossible to attend the State meetings. It was believed and has since been proven to be true, that women from both the rural districts and the cities, could be reached in larger numbers and would be greatly inspired by the much needed information which they would receive, besides developing a firmer determination from the personal contact with other people and the affairs of life.

From the moment that the recommendation was made, the women of Southern Illinois, began working to perfect plans for their organization and at the first meeting held at DuQuoin in the A. M. E. Church, a meeting graced by some of the most prominent women of the State, among whom were: Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Mrs. Lillian Jameson, Mrs. Florence S. Fields, Maude Loving, Emma Thompson, Hannah Woods, Ida Powell, Anna B. Dorsey, Anna Owens, Ehel Reddick, Hattie English and others, the Southern District Federation was formed.

The Southern Federation in the short period of its existence has done splendid work. They have been especially interested in the development of the Yates Memorial Hospital at Cairo. The following list of clubs, with a membership of five hundred women are enrolled as members of the organization: Carrie Lee Hamilton Club, Colps; Douglas Parent Teachers, Mounds; Hallie Q. Brown, DuQuoin; Community Club, Carbondale; Community Club, Elkhville; Garrison Parent Teachers, Cairo; Yates Woman's Club, Cairo; Silver Leaf, Mounds City; Benevolent Workers, Marion; Woman's Club, Lovejoy; Sojourners Club, Carbondale; Woman's Opportunity, Mounds, Woman's Club, Sparta; Sunbeam Club, Marion; Sunshine Club, Harrisburg; Mary Q. Waring Club, Murphysboro.

## THE SILVER LEAF CLUB

MCUNDS, ILLINOIS

The Silver Leaf Club was organized in 1919, by Mrs. A. L. Anderson, then State Organizer. This Club has done its major work in caring for the welfare of Juveniles, and in numerous instances has been able to secure leniency for delinquent youths, in one case placing a girl in the home of a Club member to prevent her being sent to an Industrial School. Two public affairs are featured annually, at which educational programs are rendered and some speaker of prominence is secured to deliver an address.

Mrs. Mary J. Campbell, President

## THE SPRINGFIELD COLORED WOMAN'S CLUB

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

The Springfield Woman's Club was organized in 1899 to help maintain and for a number of years held its meeting at, the Lincoln Colored Home. Under the administration of Mrs. Margaret Byrd and her predecessors, the club has had a phenomenal growth. During the World War, its members did considerable Red Cross work and contributed in many ways to the demands made by the government upon the people.

## THE SOJOURNER TRUTH CLUB

BRAIDWOOD, ILLINOIS

Some eight years ago there was organized by Mrs. Bertha Myers of Joliet, a club consisting of six members, with Mrs. Naney Johnson as president. This organization, although small in the quantity of its members, yet ranks in the quality of its work, among the foremost clubs of the State. The faithful service of the president and the co-operation of the members, keeping always before them their motto, "Lifting As We Climb", has enabled them to give unmeasurable cheer and comfort to the sick and to render unlimited aid to the needy. The community in which the Sojourner Truth Club functions cannot fail to bestow upon its members, the highest praise for services rendered.

## SUNSHINE WORKERS

HARRISBURG, ILLINOIS

The Sunshine Workers, organized June 16, 1919 by Mrs. A. L. Anderson with a membership of 12 ladies has had a rapid growth during the

period of its existence. The Child Welfare, the Philanthropic and School committee have been especially active in bettering community conditions. One of the prominent features of the Club's work is the maintainence of a Banking Fund from which Christmas cheer is dispensed to the children and the aged of the community.

Lizzie Truitt, President  
Lela Gurnitt, Secretary.  
Cordellia Wilson, Historian.

## THE SOCIAL ART AND LITERARY CLUB PEORIA, ILLINOIS

The Social Art and Literary Club has done much to stimulate the desire for greater knowlede of good literature by its study of the Bible and books by the best authors and deserves great credit for the scope of its charity work. One of the outstanding features of its past service was the adoption of a baby which had been left on the door-step of one of its members. The "Club baby" became an object of devotion to all the members; a bank account was started as an educational fund, and it was tenderly cared for until the All-Wise Father saw fit to transplant it to his Heavenly Garden. Mrs. Susie Carver, Mrs. Sarah Ellis and Mrs. Lulu Hughes are among the charter members of this club.

## VIOLET THIMBLE CLUB EAST SAINT LOUIS, ILL.

The Violet Thimble Club was organized in 1916. While primarily interested in fancy work, much good has been done in arousing the Social and Philanthropic Spirit of the community. During the war an active interest was taken- in the various community activities and a Red Cross Work Room was maintained where the members did their bit towards winning the war.

## WEST SIDE WOMAN'S CLUB BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

The West Side Woman's Club was organized November 13, 1919, with Mrs. Victoria Thomas as president, Mrs. Myrtle Haxall as Secretary, and Mrs. Ada Johnson, treasurer. The membership consisted of thirteen per



sons. The Club has done much for the improvement of their community and have great plans for charitable and welfare work in the future. They are new in the field of Club work, but much is expected of them.

Mrs. Lizzie Samuels, President.

Mrs. Myrtle Haxall, Secretary.

Mrs. Pearl Dalton, Treasurer.

## THE WOMAN'S CLUB

SPARTA, ILLINOIS

The Woman's Club of Sparta, Illinois was organized with twenty members on July 9, 1919. The Club has done community work in the way of distributing clothes, food and money to the needy. The members have visited the sick and have strewn flowers and sunshine along the pathway of those who have lost some loved one through death. The Club itself has suffered one bereavement in the death of Mrs. Ellen Wylie. There are many things to be accomplished and the Club has great hopes for the future.

Mrs. Mary Burton, President.

Mrs. Pauline Madison, Secretary.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CLUB

CANTON, ILLINOIS

The Woman's Auxiliary Club was organized with twenty-one members, on March 6, 1913 by Mrs. Sarah Sheppard, the State Organizer.

The purpose of the Club is to promote the interests of the Race, morally, spiritually and intellectually and for all that tends towards the progress of the Colored Woman.

Officers: 1913-14, Mrs. Annie Proctor, President; Mrs. Mildred Farrall, Vice President; Miss Rae Farrall, Secretary; Miss Jessie Pickett, Treasurer. 1915-16, Mrs. Mildred Farrall, President; Mrs. Hudson Brown, Vice President; Mrs. Rae Farrall Pickett, Secretary, Cordie Brown, Treasurer. 1917-18, Mrs. Cordie Brown, President; Mrs. Pearl Penick, Vice President; Mrs. Ella R. Pickett, Secretary; Mrs. Annie Cutright, Treasurer. 1919, Mrs. Jessie Pierce, President; Mrs. Kincade, Vice President; Mrs. Jessie Webb, Secretary; Mrs. Annie Cutright, Treasurer.

Mrs. Mildred Farrall, President.

## THE COLORED OLD FOLK'S HOME ASSOCIATION EAST SAINT LOUIS, ILL.

Several years ago, Mrs. Mary Martin, realizing the suffering and the deprivation among the aged and the homeless orphans of her community, conceived the idea of establishing a club to do organized work in relieving the existing conditions. While still confined to her bed after a serious illness, she invited to a meeting, a number of women, whom she knew to be interested in charitable work and the "Old Folk's Home Association of East St. Louis was the results.

For the first year or two, the Association did general relief work, being put to an acid test during the unfortunate Race Riot of 1918, which was passed with flying colors, large quantities of clothing and household supplies being distributed to many who had lost all their possessions. Later, as a member of the United Charities of the City, the scope of the organization was greatly increased. Through all their difficulties, the members of the Association have kept their goal in sight and would have built their "Home" in 1919 had it not been for the high cost of building materials. Because of this fact, they decided to temporarily rent a building, which was opened as a home for orphans on May 5, 1920. However, when the County agreed to take charge of their inmates, the Association's maintenance of a home was discontinued until such time as they can build on their own property. This they expect to do not later than August of 1922.

## WOMAN'S PROGRESSIVE CLUB GALESBURG, ILLINOIS

The Woman's Progressive Club was organized in November 1909 by Mrs. Daisey D. Walker as the Womans Improvement Club, with a membership of twenty-five women. They maintained a reading room for a year and have done great work for charity and social uplift and entertain the old people once a year. The club tries to be the friend of the needy and in several instances has secured christian burial for those who have died friendless.

Mrs. Eva Solomon, President.  
Mrs. Anitta Huff, Secretary.

## THE WOMAN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Realizing the need of organized effort in working to better community conditions, the women of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, several years ago founded the Woman's Improvement Club. They decided to work particularly along educational and philanthropic lines and the success that they have attained is a credit to their persistence. The sincerity of their interest, in not only the uplift of woman's standard in their own community, but in the welfare of their sisters everywhere, has lead them, through lack of one in their own State, to join the Illinois Federation.

## WOMAN'S OPPORTUNITY CLUB MOUNDS, ILLINOIS

The Woman's Opportunity Club has been organized four years. Mrs. A. L. Anderson was the State Organizer and during her tour in the interest of club work, a number of ladies of this little city heartily received her at a public meeting held at St. John Baptist Church. On account of the opportunity to perform many unlifting deeds the women accepted the name mentioned and chose as a motto, "No Labor Without Reward". Mrs. Carrie Rushing has been the president since organizing and Mrs. Moseley is the Secretary. Boxes of candies, fruits, and notions are given at Christmas to the orphans and decrepit members of the Race. Caring for the sick, the lowly and destitute is the work of this club. A colored doll contest has been given not only as a financial gain but for the purpose of instilling Race pride. The next ambition of this organization is to establish a play ground for the children

## THE WOMAN'S CIVIC LEAGUE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Woman's Civic League was organized in the Lecture room of Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church on Sunday afternoon, November 14, 1897, Mrs. C. A. Curl was its first president, Minnie E. Roach, secretary and Agnes Moody, chairman of the Executive Board. The Civic League was the second woman's club organized in Chicago. Mrs. Curl was a delegate to the National Association meeting at Nashville, Tenn., in 1897 and was instrumental in bringing the National to Chicago in 1899. The Civic League assisted in entertaining the National at the meeting at Quinn Chapel. They had at that time, a membership of over two hundred. From its organization, the League was a prominent factor in the club

life of the city and its members were among the pioneers in the organization of the State Federation.

## YATES WOMAN'S CLUB

CAIRO, ILLINOIS

The Yates Woman's Club is the oldest colored woman's club in Cairo, Illinois, being organized in 1905. A large amount of charitable work has been performed by this noble band of women. A beautiful home is being purchased by the club and for a number of years has been maintained as a fully equipped hospital. Mrs. Florence Sprague Fields served as President for eleven years, being followed by Mrs. Alice Titus Beatty and Mrs. Alex Payne.

## THE CLARA JESSAMINE CLUB

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Clara Jessamine Club was founded in 1912 by Mrs. Minnie Collins and Mrs. Jessie Johnson (deceased), as an advisory aid to the Board of Directors of the Phyllis Wheatley Home. After several months of existence, it was decided that financial assistance was more needed than advice. In February of 1913, the club reorganized and immediately began, with this new object in mind, to raise funds for the Home. The success with which their efforts have been attended is evidenced by the fact that they have been able to pay \$1,225.00 on the mortgage on the Home and contribute \$226.00 to the cost of electric fixtures and wiring. In fact, they have had sufficient means to give \$136.00 to the Urban League, towards the feeding and clothing of the unemployed and make gifts of flowers, fruit and money to cheer the sick.

The name "Clara Jessamire" is a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Clara Studymire, the first president and Mrs. Jessie Johnson, one of the founders of the club.

## THE IDA B. WELLS CLUB

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Ida B. Wells Woman's Club was organized at the close of the World's Fair in 1893, and therefore has the place of honor as the mother of the woman's clubs in Illinois and Chicago.

Mr. A. H. Roberts, during the month of September, 1893, in the name of the Tourgee Club, invited Miss Ida B. Wells, who had just re-

turned from England, to be hostess and speaker for the club's "ladies day". The meeting was crowded and the women of Chicago from that time on, continued to meet in the Tourgee Club parlors every Thursday as the club's guests and enjoy programs of music, lectures and current topics discussions provided by Miss Wells, who had been chosen as chairman. Mr. W. T. Stead, the leading editor of Europe at that time; Mrs. Mathews, a leading English temperance worker; and many others were among the distinguished speakers and guests of the club at these meetings.

Miss Wells was elected president and Mrs. E. L. Davis, secretary, after the women decided to form an organization of their own. Their first public effort was a Christmas entertainment for the benefit of the Tourgee Club which netted \$50.00. This was presented to the club at its annual meeting in appreciation of its courtesy in extending to the women, the free use of their parlors. The next work was the raising of money to prosecute a policeman for killing an innocent colored man on the West side.

Miss Wells returned to Great Britain in February of 1894 and Mrs. R. E. Moore, as vice-president, presided during the eight months absence of the president. During this time the club took out a charter and assumed the name of its absent president. Excellent work had been done in supporting the principles of the president and a strong resolution had been sent across the ocean, which had done much to aid her in her battle against lynching. On her return, the club assisted the citizens in a monster reception at Quinn Chapel. A year later at her marriage in Bethel A. M. E. Church, the I. B. W. Club gave their president a magnificent wedding reception, which was attended by the leading white and colored citizens of the city. Mrs. Barnett remained as president until the presence of two little ones in her home forced her to withdraw, after five years of helpful work among the women of Chicago.

Among the outstanding features of the work of the I. B. W. Club, may be listed:

Rendered assistance in establishing the first Negro Orchestra in Chicago.

Opened the first kindergarten, for children of our district, at Bethel A. M. E. Church, long before the kindergarten system was taken over by the public schools of the city.

Was one of the charter members of the League of Cook County Clubs, thus stopping color line discrimination among clubs of the city and making it possible for colored clubs to join any clubs of the other race since formed. The president of the I. B. W. Club was one of the first nine directors of the League.



From these first helpful programs of club work, race unity and parliamentary drill in the mother club, have sprung all the other clubs of Chicago and the state and from the ranks of its members have come many of our club presidents, our leading business women and our leading church and social service workers.

### THE LABOR OF LOVE CLUB.

#### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Labor of Love Club is one of the most influential philanthropic clubs in Chicago. Their latest work has been the installation of a bath room in the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People. Mrs. Sarah Scott is the president and Mrs. Melissa McClure, a pioneer worker in the State, is one of the Club's most active members.

### THE YOUNG MATRON'S CULTURE CLUB

#### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Young Matron's Culture Club was organized in February of 1915 by Mrs. Myra Hunter Reeves to stimulate an interest in physical culture, art and literature. Although charity is or rather was not one of the objects of this club's efforts, over \$3,000.00 has been distributed among worthy causes and institutions since they came into existence.

The young matrons composing the membership of the club did exceptionally splendid war work both in the sale of Liberty bonds and in caring for Company "A" of the 8th Regiment, which they adopted during the period of the war. Mrs. Emma J. Andrews is the present president.

### THE LADIES WEST SIDE ART CLUB

#### JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

The Ladies West Side Art Club was organized May 1914, Mrs. Lide Tinsley, President; Object: Philanthropy. Exquisite designs in needlework are produced by members of the club.

### THE MARY A. LAWRENCE CLUB

#### SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

The Mary A. Lawrence Club, so named in honor of that noble woman, who came to the assistance of Mrs. Eva Monroe and donated the new

building of the Lincoln Home, was organized as an auxiliary to that institution.

The members of the club try to make the institutional life as home-like as possible and provide monthly literary and educational programs for the inmates.

## THE GILES CHARITY CLUB

### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Giles Charity Club, so named to perpetuate the sainted memory of Miss Harriet E. Giles, associate founder of Spellman Seminary, was organized in November 1910, by Mue. Ezella Mathis Carter, to assist struggling students and meet calls for local charity.

Among the various departments maintained by this Club are; the Philanthropic, to meet calls for charity; the Education, to operate study classes in present day needs, current events, a circulating library, community singing, citizenship, reform measures, etc., and the Sunshine, to carry cheer, to invalids in hospitals and homes, and to shut-ins, to send notes of condolence to the bereaved, to insist on right living, arrange funerals, give relief to the sick and distressed and furnish legal counsel where needed.

All business is transacted in the "Officers' Cabinet", thus giving the Club meeting period to the rendering of a program and allowing time for the introduction of visitors. In addition to their regular work, this club has closely allied itself with the N. A. A. C. P., The Chicago Urban League, the Indiana Avenue Y. W. C. A. and the Provident Hospital.

## THE FREDERICK DOUGLAS CENTER WOMAN'S CLUB

The importance of woman's work was realized as they became educated. Chicago was blessed in the example and life work of one who lived for others, in the person of Mrs. Celia Parker Woolley, a noted lecturer, writer of poetry, fiction, minister of the Gospel, associate founder of the Chicago Woman's Club, Woman's City Club, Political Equality League, League of Religious Fellowship, and organizer of the Frederick Douglas Center in April 1904. The Center Woman's Club was organized by her in October 1905 with Mrs. Mary Redfield Plummer as president and Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett, as vice president.

The club work was many sided, it served as a background for the Center children's classes in domestic science, music, dramatics, physical culture, boy scouts; to promote study classes with Mrs. George Cleveland Hall to lead the sociology class; affiliate with nearby organizations in



charity relief, legal counsel, child welfare, linen chest, vocational schools, playgrounds, outings, social settlement, churches, and many others. The meetings twice a month were lucrative with the best talent of both Races to provide programs in music, literature, political equality and such propaganda measures as to bring about a more just relation between groups at Christmas. Boxes and barrels of clothing, books, and gifts were sent to worthy schools. When Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams was the president of the class, interest grew.

The Center opened a war office for the Second Ward in charge of Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis. Here the women registered for service in the National Defense, provided an Exemption Board for the drafted men. The Red Cross Auxiliary was operated by Dr. Mary F. Waring with active Units in sewing and knitting extending the work to other sections of the city. The Government located a parcel post office here where several hundred Christmas boxes were sent to the soldier boys over seas and supervised by "Inspectors". During the influenza epidemic of 1918, a relief station was opened for the distribution of prepared foods so generously provided by kind donors.

The club occasionally furnished a program for the Sunday afternoon meetings in charge of Mrs. Antoinette Crump Cone. Their's was an open platform for neighbors and organizations to meet on common ground in considering the welfare of all concerned; their open door always welcomed other clubs and organizations.

### THE ELIZABETH LINDSAY CHARITY CLUB

A broad vision and willing mind always finds occasion for expression in any age. This was true of Mme. Ezelle Mathis Carter when she organized the Elizabeth Lindsay Davis Club on January 22, 1918 with Mrs. Enla Pinkney as president. Not satisfied with the work alone of the Giles Charity Club, in perpetuating the name of Miss Giles, and her own, the Carter Charity and Benevolent Clubs, she sought yet another woman whose name must never be forgotten, Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis. Her's was a useful life as a pioneer leader in Chicago having spent many years teaching in public schools, magazine writer, lecturer, president of local clubs, founder of Phyllis Wheatley Home for working women and girls, National Organizer in women's Clubs, prominent in Second Ward activities, political equality circles and many other useful schemes.

The work of this club is three-fold, to welcome strangers in the city and render hospitality, furnish information, concerning legal counsel; educational facilities, etc., to render programs of music, literature, dramatics, philanthropy, to relieve cases of charity, assist education of

native African student, give sick relief; grocery showers and Christmas boxes with clothing and books.

Social life is a specialty with many receptions, dinners and a particularly good time at each meeting. A Christmas dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Davis one year. Pleasant Sunday Mass Meetings are held in different sections of the city to reach the immediate community for the discussion of such practical topics as right living, child welfare, beautifying the home and yards, duty to neighbors, vocational occupation and many others.

Hundreds of dollars have been raised for all purposes and much credit is due our loyal workers in projecting a plan so much needed, since they are true to their motto, "Lending a Hand."

### THE CARTER CHARITY AND BENEVOLENT ASS'N.

The work of the Carter Charity and Benevolent Association has its origin in January, 1917 in Chicago, when its founder, Mme. Ezella Mathis Carter aware of the alarming evil conditions and much suffering in that city and all sections, realized her co-workers in clubs and business circles could help relieve such.

To this end she first organized her Chicago Hairdressers to relieve sickness, distress, render legal advice, counsel for those needing a larger vision in life, relief for the unemployed and to engage in such benevolent work as their treasury would permit. The demands for such a splendid work grew and a year later the membership was opened to anyone wishing to lend co-operation.

Today this Association has seventy-five clubs reaching from Omaha, Nebraska to New Augustine, Florida, all doing a splendid work. Since the scope and needs have increased during the war and reconstruction period one of the central themes in all these clubs is "Community Service." By this method immediate relief may be obtained by not waiting for the call to be sent into a central office in a distant city.

All local clubs are called in joint session with the National Hair-growers Convention of the Carter System each year. Here a program is rendered with the best talent possible to discuss practical subjects pertaining to child welfare, education of our youth, commerce, women in business and many others. A printed program is followed by all local clubs, thus forming a central fellowship where inspiration and helpfulness is found. The wealth of information from such topics as "Improving the Neighborhood," "Slander, Sowing and Reaping, Health Conference, Lessons from Great Lives," serve as a training school for our young people.

Since one of the themes in general education today is "Week Day Religion", we believe in making a most practical demonstration of this in our many clubs, urging all members to make in addition to their Sunday professions in faith and beliefs, a living theme of "Christian Citizenship", thus being true to our motto, "No Creed but Christ, No Law but Love."

## THE VOLUNTEER WORKERS CHARITY CLUB

"Not For Ourselves, But For Others"

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Through Life's Journey from the beginning to the end, the pathway should be scattered with roses to combat in a measure the tribulations that inevitably come; often after the meridian is past the roses become less and less until they finally cease. This truth possibly actuated Mrs. George Hawkins when she gathered a few ladies at her home and explained her idea. Eagerly the thought was absorbed and there sprung into existence on December 4, 1904, the "Volunteer Workers for the Home of Aged and Infirm Colored People."

The object of the club was to work for the "Home" exclusively, which they did from the time of their organization until January of 1911, accomplishing results that stand as a monument to their endeavor. Mrs. Rebecca Ridley, the matron, who has since "passed out", and many others of the old inmates will testify to the esteem in which the club is held; how their individual wants were administered to; the pleasure derived from the "reception days", the dinners served them and the clothing, shoes, groceries and other supplies furnished. Christmas festivities were always observed with a tree and after appropriate exercises, candy, fruit, nuts and useful presents are given to each inmate. In 1909, under the administration of Mrs. Emma Chandler, the 2nd president, a steam heating plant was installed at the cost of \$342.00, adding greatly to the comfort of the old folks. In 1910 during the administration of Mrs. Alice J. Caldwell, a stairway leading from the men's department was built, making their quarters more easily accessible.

In 1911, when Mrs. Clara Johnson, was elected president, the club decided to work for general charity, because there was so much distress and suffering in the city. Consequently, the name and by-laws were changed to conform to the new plans and the organization became the "Volunteer Workers Charity Club. The "Home" still receives an annual donation and assistance is also given to such institutions as the Amanda Smith, the Phyllis Wheatley, and the Louise Juvenile Homes and the Provident Hospital.

The club has passed its 17th. milestone; years filled with aggressive activities and love for the work. From a membership of ten, it has grown until a limit had to be set at fifty. Nearly \$4,000.00 has been distributed to charity.

## THE NORTHWESTERN FEDERATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS

Returning to their homes after attending one of the conventions of the N. A. C. W., where they had met some of the brainiest women of the race from the far West, who had an usual requested the privilege of entertaining the Association on the coast and who had been, as usual, disappointed; a group of women living in the Central States decided that it would be a step forward, if a western federation could be formed which would bring together, the women of the Middle West and the Pacific Coast States.

As a result of this decision, the following resolution was offered by Joanna Snowden Porter of Illinois, at the Illinois State meeting held in Moline in August, 1914:

“Whereas, the women of the Western Country are becoming to be recognized as a power because of their political franchise, and the old adage “In Union There Is Strength” has been found to be true in whatever line it has been tried, and since that Constitutional privilege has been granted to the women of Illinois and other states hereinafter named, it is highly necessary that the women of the Northwest join themselves together in a compact body, the better to work, to promote religious, social and civic conditions and to make a stronger protest against unwise legislation.

Therefore be it resolved that the Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, in convention assembled this August, 1914, at Moline, Illinois, instruct the President of the Federation to appoint a committee of five whose duty it shall be to issue an address to the state federations (and in those states where there is no federation, to individual clubs) of Arizona, California, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, Oklahoma, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming and the Dakotas, asking them to appoint representatives to a conference, the object of which shall be the formation of a Northwestern Federation of Colored Woman's Clubs, stating therein the advantages to be gained by such Federation and calling such conference to meet in Chicago in August, 1915, in conjunction with the meeting of the State Federation and of the Half Century Celebration of Negro Freedom.

This resolution was unanimously passed, the idea meeting the approval of every one present, and a committee of five women was appointed: Mrs. J. Snowden Porter, Chairman; Mrs. Melissa Elam, Mrs. Jessie Johnson, Mrs. Eva Monroe, Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton, Mrs. E. L. Davis and Mrs. I. B. Thompson.

On August 16, 1915, the conference meeting was held at St. Marks M. E. Church and the Northwestern Federation came into being. The forty-four delegates present from the various states were:

Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Mrs. J. B. Rush, Miss Jessie Walker, Mrs. Elnora Gresham, Mrs. C. B. Lewis, and Mrs. Gertrude Culberson, for Iowa.

Mrs. Gertrude B. Hill, Mrs. Ida Bryant, Mrs. Mamie Russell, Mrs. Jessie Wade, Mrs. Medora Powell, Mrs. Bessie C. Jones, Mrs. Sarah Chavis, Mrs. E. A. Roach, Mrs. Sally Henderson, Mrs. Bertha Caldwell and Miss Blanche Patterson for Indiana.

Mrs. Bessie L. Allen, Miss Georgia Nugent and Miss Martha V. Webster for Kentucky.

Mrs. Lucy Thurman, and Mrs. Frances E. Preston for Michigan.

Mrs. Mattie R. Hicks, Mrs. Mamie Donovan and Mrs. Hester Keays for Minnesota.

Mrs. Minnie M. Scott, Miss Hallie Q. Brown and Miss Dora E. Johnson for Ohio.

Mrs. Clara Montgomery, Mrs. Hessie Kelly, Mrs. Laura Williams, Mrs. Rebecca Logan, Miss Genevieve Rueben and Mrs. Carrie S. Horton for Wisconsin.

Mrs. Sarah L. Willis for Wyoming.

Mrs. T. W. Bell for Kansas.

Mrs. R. F. Noland for Missouri.

Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton, Mrs. Jessie Johnson, Mrs. Melissa Elam, Mrs. Eva Monroe, Mrs. E. L. Davis, Mrs. I. B. Thompson, and Mrs. J. Snowden Porter for Illinois.

The first regular meeting to the new organization was held in Wichita, Kansas, in 1916, followed by others at Grand Forks, N. D., in July of 1919 and Phoenix, Arizona in July of 1921. The next meeting will be in 1923 at Los Angeles, California.



## Chapter Four

### WAR WORK

During the great World War no women were more active in every phase of the work than the women of Illinois. Thousands of garments were knitted for our boys in the cantonments, here and overseas. Boxes of smokes and other comforts were collected and sent to them. War Savings and Thrift Stamps and Liberty Bonds were bought by the thousands of dollars.

Women gave up their loved ones with a smile on their lips and an ache in their hearts, for their Country's good. The Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense, Illinois Division, included women of every Race, Creed Color and Political belief, every class of society, working side by side with every barrier forgotten in the sight of a big patriotic ideal. Our women were weighed in the balance and were not found wanting.

The call for the registration of women for service, the pledge for food conservation, the Red Cross drives and the Child Welfare movements were all promptly answered from the extreme Northern end of the State to the land of "Egypt".

Our men and women were found in every department of industry, doing their bit as loyal American Citizens, to help win the war. Our women shared the glory won by our boys, who fought on the battle fields of France, first, to make the world a decent place for others to live in second, to make it a safe place for themselves and theirs.

The signing of the Armistice stopped actual hostilities, but there is still a great work of reconstruction to be done. The "migration" brought thousands of our people to the North. Our women again arose to meet the needs of the hour and through Community service and Community visits, have been able to improve the housing conditions and help the new comer to adjust himself to his new environment besides caring for hundreds of the unemployed.

The period of reconstruction after a great war is always fraught with grave danger and new laws to meet the demands of the time are being called for. The women of the Federation must be alert and watchful, wisely guiding their members to a broader interpretation of the rights of ALL in the spirit of true Democracy.

## Chapter Five

### INTER-RACIAL CO-OPERATION

Our honored Frederick Douglass once said, "There is no Race problem, but there is a great human problem." Race prejudice still exists in many parts of the world, but the unreasoning color prejudice against the most loyal of her citizens, is the one dispicable trait of American civilization. However, the heart of America is awakening to a sense of the great wrong and injustice that it has inflicted upon an oppressed people for so long a time. This is, indeed, a changing world and a new day is dawning; a better understanding and a closer relationship between the Races is sought.

Credit for the first effort towards Inter-Racial co-operation belongs to Mrs. Celia Parker Wooley, who left her home and came with her husband to live among colored people. She founded the Frederick Douglass Center to:

1. "Promote a just and amicable relationship between white and colored people.
2. Remove the disabilities from which the latter suffer in their civic political and industrial life.
3. Encourage equal opportunity, irrespective of race, creed or other arbitrary distinctions.
4. Establish a center of friendly helpfulness and influence, in which to gather needful information and for material co-operation to the ends of right living and higher citizenship."

The experiment of the Frederick Douglass Center as a practical factor in solving and adjusting some of the many phases of the race problem, was watched with eager interest on the part of some, and with grave apprehension by others. But the seed fell in fertile ground and now Commissions on Inter-Racial Co-operation exist in sixteen southern states and in several northern ones. The commission appointed by Governor Lowden, composed of six white and six colored members, to study race conditions in Illinois, has just completed an exhaustive report of its findings, which will be of inestimable value to the state and the nation.

Evidence of the scope of inter-racial activities and the part that the federated clubs are taking, is splendidly presented by Mrs. S. L. Brown, a prominent member of the Chicago Woman's Club, in an article which she



contributed to a recent edition of the Ediet Magazine, the official organ of the Illinois Federation of Woman's Clubs. Various excerpts from this article are herewith reproduced:

“Loyalty to Women and Justice to Children” is the motto of the Illinois Federation of Colored Woman's Clubs. As a well organized movement, this Federation is a great credit to our state, and deserves understanding, appreciation, and recognition. In the belief that the fact that it exists is unknown to many, and the scope of its work is understood by few, a bit of its history is placed before you.

These Illinois colored women organized in 1899 and they are an incorporated body. Almost a half century of patience, devotion, and unwearied effort is back of them. About a hundred clubs are so affiliated, and today being in a new era, when opportunity, co-operation, and understanding are on the wings of the wind, the handicaps of the years are lessening, and the difficulties no longer seem insurmountable.

This federation operates under a somewhat different form from the the usual state form of organization. The very points of difference show the wisdom of its leaders. Aside from the committees for the machinery of organization, their work includes departments of Education, Racial History, Social Betterment, Books and Magazines, Health and Hygiene, Mothers, Child Welfare, Arts and Crafts, Legislation, Religion, Press, Civic and Labor Departments, Sustenance, Temperance, Pioneer Workers, Student Scholarship and a few others.

Chicago with its greater opportunities, its greater Race group, its multiplicity of betterment associations and co-operations, offers different problems to the district organization, and a wider range of work and satisfactory results. Also, because of greater participation in advantages, just because of greater opportunities, the realm of clubdom in the Northern Dietriet is not so compact in organization as the other districts, where in many places the clubs offer the only opportunity for betterment that is available to colored women.

Their department called Pioneer Workers deserves special mention, as it shows one of the keenst and most splendid attributes of colored people. The Pioneer Worker's Department simply means that there are capable colored women, rich in experience, rich in spirit, rich in the appreciation for services rendered, in the building of this club movement. As is often the case the world over, these splendid women reach late years without material riches, as their labors have been for love and without price. These women are looked after; are made to feel welcomed, honored guests and advisors at meetings, at conventions are revered as “Pioneers Splendid!

It is well to know the strength and fervor and devotion of these women for the betterment of their race. It is finer to co-operate and give ap-

preciation to this very real, effective, Americanization work. In that hope, the story of the National and Illinois Federations of Colored Women's Clubs has been barely indicated to you here, in the faith that you will inquire further into this field of significant progress.

Another article, reprinted from the Bulletin of the Woman's City Club of Chicago, is especially interesting.

#### "RACE RELATIONS AND CIVIC BETTERMENT"

The race riots of last summer brought to the consciousness of thoughtful, unprejudiced citizens the fact that it is not possible to have a well governed city with a separated group of any kind within its boundaries. Especially we must not have a segregated mind with regard to any class of people. We must not forget that our colored population is American born, with generations of American born back of them. Whenever the opportunity has been given to better their conditions they have eagerly taken it, whether we like it or not..

When the opportunity was offered to come to Chicago to fill a reported industrial need which was widely advertised in the south, they responded in large numbers. In two years the negro population in Chicago jumped from approximately 56,000 to 125,000. The burden of caring for this newly transplanted population was left entirely to the colored citizens of the city, who are, in the mass, already over-burdened, hard working people with little accumulated surplus among them..

The Urban League, an organization of colored people, studying and reporting upon conditions among the negroes was obliged to meet this unusual situation of poverty and unemployment. To meet this emergency the Urban League called into conference 90 different colored organizations representing a membership of 2,000, and a plan was prepared upon which all agreed. In the first 8 months they secured positions for 2,000. Last year they secured positions for 12,000. They made a study of the housing condition and published a certified lodging list.

The Federation of Colored Women's Clubs visited the new families and left printed cards making an appeal for cleanliness, respect for public property, orderly conduct in the street and the best possible upkeep of the household. The effect of this work was noticeable on the south side.

The religious impulse has always helped the negroes through their trials. One church alone in this city has a membership of 8,000 and supports a kindergarten and two missions. Several other churches have recreational facilities and are making a brave effort to organize social work. They have an organized Y. M. C. A. and a Y. W. C. A.

Very little outside help has been given to this struggling group of American citizens. In the matter of housing they were practically helpless. The Urban League canvassed real estate dealers one day and found 664 colored applicants for houses on that day and only 50 supplied. The colored working man is paid a relatively lower wage than the white man, yet he is forced to pay a relatively higher rent. The housing survey of the School of Civics and Philanthropy reports that "house after house, flat after flat, whether under white or black agent, comes to the negro at an increased rental". The menacing housing condition was brought to the notice of the employers who used this negro labor with an appeal for some action. Nothing was done. We believe that, if at the time, this appeal had been met with a constructive program for the good housing of the colored population perhaps the most immediate cause of irritation and race prejudice might have been removed. This lack in housing was responsible for the sudden opening of new localities formerly occupied exclusively by white people who resented "the invasion," as they called it, of the colored people.

There is a mistaken motion current among those who have had few dealings with working people that race prejudice plays an important part in the relations between the white and the colored workers. The antagonism that has sometimes arisen is due to the fact that negroes have often been imported as strike breakers, usually with little knowledge of the conditions to which they came or the significance of the strike. This feeling has nothing in common with race prejudice. The trade unions are increasing in hospitality towards colored workers and the negroes themselves are now awakening to the need of putting an end to their use as strike breakers. The labor union leaders of the stockyards have taken a determined stand against race prejudice.

The negroes are here; they are citizens of our city. They are eager to be in our schools, in our public parks and playgrounds and in our libraries. They are calling for every educational advantage for their children. A study made by this committee shows that public parks, playgrounds and centers bordering on the negro districts are little used by the colored population because of race prejudice. The colored people do not go where they are not wanted.

In other public centers where they are encouraged to come and where the numbers of their own people make them feel safe and at ease they are proving their desire for better things by coming in large numbers. At the Lincoln Library where the attitude is most friendly 75 per cent of those who use the library are colored. We hear that two petitions from colored people asking for community centers are before the board of education.

Considering the fact that in dealing with the negro population we are dealing in the main with a laboring population, the number of colored children in the high schools is remarkable. In four of the high schools near the colored districts 739 are enrolled. That there are not more is due in part to the bitter feeling that even a high school education will not give the opportunities this same training opens up to the children of every other race in America .

The Inter-Racial suggested by Mrs. McDowell, has become a permanent organization and among its outstanding features for civic betterment is the convalescent care of colored women and girls. Mrs. Mary McDowell is chairman and Mrs. Helen Sayree is secretary of this committee.

In the plans for war the patriotic call was responded to eagerly by black and white. Out of 12,000,000 negroes in the United States, 100,000 were called to military service, many of them to the fighting line. In the plans for the re-instatement and the re-education of the disabled soldiers, at government expense, no color line is drawn.

In the language of one of the leading negro citizens of Chicago, "Given decent housing, a chance to develop whatever abilities they possess and employment at a living wage, the negroes will be no more of 'a problem' than the people of any other race. They will naturally seek their own as other races do. They will be human as others are. They will be a part of the problems of poverty and crime, of sickness, of juvenile delinquency and all the rest of it in a big city, but just as all other races are"

Civic patriotism demands that for the welfare of the city, as a whole, race prejudice must be lost in a constructive program to provide proper housing, full recreational privileges and increased educational opportunities or all where they are now lacking. It is necessary to make impossible a repetition of the experience of the summer of 1919.

A Woman's City Club meeting on these questions will be held, Monday, January 19th, at 8 o'clock.

The program will include—

Carl Sandburg, Chicago Daily News .....	"The Negro in Chicago"
T. Arnold Hill, .....	"The Migration"
Dr. Charles Bentley .....	"Justice in the Courts"
Mrs. Irene Goins, Mrs. Sayer, .....	From the Floor

After a thoughtful consideration of the social, industrial and educational needs of the negroes, the Race Relations Committee decided to organize an Inter-Racial Co-operative Committee for Civic Betterment.

## Chapter Six

# Who's Who



## MRS. JENNIE McCLAIN

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Mrs. McClain has always been active in religious, fraternal and social life. At various periods of her career, she has creditably filled the positions of Organist and later Treasurer of the Union Baptist Sunday School; Secretary of Zion Baptist Sunday School, the Union Baptist Church, Shiloh Court No. 1, H. J., Estella Chapter No. 3, O. E. S., John Brown's Woman's Relief Corps No. 58; Assistant Secretary and later Vice President of the Wood River Baptist Sunday School Convention; Grand Most Ancient Matron; of the Grand Court of Heroines Grand Lecturer of the O. E. S., and Matron of the Prince Hall Masonic Home at Rock Island. She is also a member of the Executive Board and an ardent supporter of the Lincoln Colored Home at Springfield of which her life long friend, Mrs. Eva Monroe is matron.

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the same year, she passed away.

When the State Federation met at Jacksonville in 1902, where she had been laid to rest, a monument was dedicated, by the organization, in honor of her memory.

### FANNIE HALL CLINT

Born in Jackson, Miss., August 2, 1871. Attended the common schools and later entered college. Upon completion of her college career, she traveled extensively and finally located in Chicago, where she has lived for a good many years.

Fannie Hall Clint is a talented elocutionist and has won her place in that field of endeavor through a long series of successful appearances on Chautauqua platforms and in large cities and towns.

She is well known in club and social circles and is identified with the Coleridge Taylor Music and Dramatic School of Chicago.



## MRS. EVA G. MONROE

By Flo Jamerson Miller

Eva G. Monroe, was born in Kewanee, Ill. in 1868. After the death of her mother in 1880, Eva took on her shoulders, the responsibility of filling her mother's place as well as being a sister to six younger children. Bravely and well did she perform the task set before her, with the lines of the poet ringing in her ears:

My Master set a task for me to do,  
A fragment in the web of life to weave;  
And bade me toil, the changing season through,  
Until the fabric finished, I could leave.

Coming to Springfield in 1898, she soon discovered that work for Humanity was as badly needed here as in her old home.

Walking along the streets on day, she noticed two ragged little children sitting on the doorstep of an old tumbled down shack. She stopped and entered into a conversation with them and the story of misery related to her by these wee dark-skinned waifs, undernourished, almost naked and without a decent shelter, coupled with the thought of the many aged, infirm and helpless mothers, so impressed her that:

Bravely she took up her task anew and  
Day by day, in sun or gathering gloom,  
She wrought her Master's work upon the loom.

In response to the needs of her Race and with only the thought of the good she might be able to do for those who needed her help, without any idea of where she would secure the necessary means, she contracted for the purchase of an old delapidated nine room house at 427 S. 12th Street. From friends and acquaintances, she begged; furniture, most meager; straw, which she placed on the bare floor for beds; old paper and pieces of carpet, to place at the windows to keep out the cold; a scuttle of coal to prepare food upon an old broken down stove; and then, gathering to her, four of these forgotten waifs and one infirm and aged mother, she started the Lincoln Colored Home.

She labored early and late to secure means to keep her project going, traveled back and forth through the State, begging her people to help the work. Against what odds she fought, at what unreckoned cost, they only, who have likewise toiled, may know. But from that time until the present day she has been persistent in her efforts and has finally established a permanent home, housed in a modern, three story brick building on whose cornerstone is inscribed the "Lincoln Colored Home". In 1915, Mrs. Monroe secured a charter for the Mary A. Lawrence In-



dustrial School for Colored Girls and the Lincoln Industrial School for Colored Boys and at present the combined organizations are caring for for twenty children and three old ladies.

Mrs. Monroe has found time in her busy life to extend a helping hand in other directions. She is a member of the Illinois Federation and has served two terms as its president. She has represented the John Brown Relief Corps of Springfield in the department convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, which is an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic and has served the State in several capacities as a member of the Executive Board and as a National Delegate, going as one of the Illinois Representatives to Salt Lake City in 1909 and to Kansas City in 1916. She is also a member of the Methodist Church, the W. C. T. U. and an associate member of the Phyllis Wheatley Home Association of Chicago.

She is ready at all times to work for the betterment of humanity and does not believe in confining her efforts exclusively to her own race, but in helping wherever she can. Should anyone ask her what she had done, she might well reply:

“Whenever there was Holy cause to serve  
Or hearts that ached, or perils that unnerved;  
Wherever there was arduous tasks to do,  
A path to light, a duty to pursue;  
Wherever there was a child to wrest from wrong,  
Or weary souls athirst for love and song;  
Wherever slaves of time cried to be free;  
My hand was reached. This can be said of me.

As matron of the Lincoln Home for the past twenty-four years, through her efforts, many boys and girls have been able to enter the world as good and upright men and women. Mrs. Monroe is one of the most energetic and capable women of her Race, ready for any emergency, faithful to her trust and intensely religious. The past, which she has so well employed, has but fitted her for a brighter and more successful future. To know her is to know of service freely given, efforts well done and a future to be envied and she will justly deserve that final eonium “Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant”.

## MRS. IDA D. LEWIS

Mrs. Ida D. Lewis was born Jan., 1, 1864 at Crawfordsville, Indiana. At the age of six, her parents moved to Winonia, Minn., where she received her education in the public grade and high schools and the Normal College. Later coming to Chicago, she became active in Church, Civic and Club affairs and established a home on the West Side for unfortunate girls, which later was merged into the Amanda Smith Industrial Home. Her sympathetic cheerful and lovable disposition won for her many friends. She was serving her second term as the very capable President of the State Federation when she was called to her reward in November, 1913.

## MRS. THERESA GRAY MACON

Mrs. Macon was born in Louisville, Ky., but came to Chicago with her mother and sister at an early age. She has been identified with the National and State Federations since their organization and has served as Recording Secretary of the N. A. C. W.; President of the State and the Chicago City Federations, the Ida B. Wells, and the Cornell Charity Clubs. She is also, a member of the Board of Directors of the Phyllis Wheatley Home Association and Vice President of the Amanda Smith Home for dependent Girls. In fact, Mrs. Macon is one of the most active and popular figures in the club and social life of her community.

## MRS. CARRIE LEE HAMILTON

Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton was born in Springfield and educated in the schools of that city. After completing her course in High School she taught school for a number of years. She is an earnest club woman and served as State President for two years. She was an energetic worker during the war and was a member of the Illinois Division of the National Council of Defense. Mrs. Hamilton is also, one of the recording secretaries of the N. A. C. W., has held high offices in several fraternal organizations and is now a State Probation officer, aside from being a good wife and mother.

## MRS. LILLIAN E. JAMESON

Mrs. Lillian E. Jameson, was born in Evansville, Indiana. She received her early training in the schools of that city and is a graduate of the Evansville High School. She is a teacher of wide experience, having taught in Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana. She was married to Rev. H. W. Jameson of the Illinois Annual Conference in 1903 and began her itinerant life as the wife of a Methodist preacher. Serving with her husband at Madison and Milwaukee in the State of Wisconsin, from which latter appointment, they were transferred to Louisville, Kentucky. Returning to the Illinois Conference, they were stationed at Peoria, where she spent five years and became active in local and state club work. Her next appointment, with her husband, was at Decatur, from which appointment they were sent to Champaign.

Her husband was chosen Sunday School Field Secretary of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union, and she, absorbed in his work, became an expert Sunday School Teacher, specializing in Elementary Work, and is now in charge of the Elementary Department of Sunday Schools of the Springfield District of the Illinois Annual Conference. She is also President of Woman's Mite Missionary Society of the Springfield District Convention.

Upon her again moving to Peoria, (1916) she renewed her membership in the Woman's Aid Club, and became an active member in the

Thimble Club and the Social Art and Literary Clubs. In 1914, she was elected Chairman of the Executive Board of the Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, serving in this office for two years and was next elected State Organizer (1917-1918 for two years. During her term of office as organizer she traveled extensively over the central and southern parts of the state and succeeded in arousing a greater club spirit among the women and was successful in bringing in many new clubs to be added to the roster. She was elected State President, which office she held two years (1919-1920) to the satisfaction of all

### MRS. ANNIE L. ANDERSON

Mrs. Annie Laurie Anderson has served the State Federation very efficiently in the offices of Secretary, Chairman of the Committee on Racial History, State Organizer and Vice President and is now ending her second year as president. She has been a successful teacher in her home town for a number of years and is active in church, civic and fraternal circles. Her address on "The Training of Our Girls" received favorable comment at the N. A. C. W., Biennial at Tuskegee in 1920. Under her administration, the Federation became a member of the State League of Women Voters.

## MRS. ELLA GROFF

Filled out unexpired term of Mrs. Ida D. Lewis. Is a prominent club woman of Monmouth Illinois.

## MRS. ANNIE PEYTON

Mrs. Annie Peyton, the fifth president of the Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs was a woman of many sterling qualities. Devoted to her church, active in numerous clubs and fraternal organizations, serving in all of them in an official capacity, she still found time to devote to her home and family. One of her sons, David Peyton, has won distinction as an arranger and composer of music.





## MRS. CONNIE CURL-MAXWELL

Mrs. Connie Curl-Maxwell was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. After completing her education, she very successfully taught school in her home town, in Keokuk, Iowa, and in Louisville, Ky. Later coming to Chicago, she became active in church and club work. She served as the first president of the Woman's Civic League, which she helped to organize and has been for a number of years a member of the Phyllis Wheatley Home Association. She was in addition, Recording Secretary of the N. A. C. W. from 1899 to 1900. After twenty years of efficient service as Supreme Registrar of Deeds with the Supreme Court, Order of Calanthe, under the Jurisdiction of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia, she retired from active club life and is now living quietly in her comfortable home at 3523 Vernon avenue, Chicago.



IRENE MCCOY GAINES,

Born in Ocala, Florida, Oct. 25, 1893, to Charles and Mamie McCoy. and has been a resident of Chicago since infancy. After graduating from the common schools she attended the Wendell Phillips High school, graduating therefrom in 1908. She then went to Nashville, Tenn., where she graduated from the Fisk University in 1910. During the next two years she took two special courses in civics and philanthropy at the University of Chicago. Upon completion of her school days she became identified with the Cook County Juvenile Court (Chicago) for 4 1-2 years, that position being a civil service appointment. She was affiliated with the U.S. department of Labor for one year and served as department head of organization and surveys. with the War Camp Community Service. On October 7, 1914, married Mr. Harris Barrett Gaines of Henderson, Kentucky. In October, 1920, she became industrial secretary of the Y. W. C. A., 3541 Indiana avenue, and is at present its acting secretary. Mrs. Gaines is well known in social affairs, is active in welfare circles and is a woman whose merit equals her admirable reputation. She is a member of the Woman's City Club, Woman's Trade Union League, Illinois Women's Voters' League, District Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, University Society and the Household of Ruth, G. U. O. of O. F., No. 5129. Mrs. Gaines resides at 3262 Vernon avenue.

## MRS. JULIA FLORIVEL DUNCAN



Mrs. Julia Florivel Duncan is a member of one of the oldest families in the state of Illinois. She has been identified with the State Federation since its birth and has held most of its important offices. As president of the Springfield Colored Woman's Club, she introduced to the Federation, the idea of the "Mother's Chain", in order to stimulate and encourage the highest ideals of motherhood.

Mrs. Duncan is the proud mother of our gallant Col. Otis B. Duncan of the "fighting 8th" regiment.

The Julia Duncan Auxilary of the 8th Regiment has recently been organized at Springfield, in her honor, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan celebrated their golden wedding anniversary two years ago.

## MRS. J. SNOWDEN PORTER

10 One of the native citizens of Chicago who has been a leading figure in organized club work, is Mrs. Joanna Snowden Porter. During her career of activity in civic, social and club work, she has successfully held the offices of: officer of the Juvenile Protective Ass'n., treasurer of the Phyllis Wheatley Home and numerous others and is now employed in the Recorder's office of the city of Chicago. As president of the Northwestern Federation, she is earnestly trying to gather the widely scattered race women of the West into a strong organization which will mean for them, all the splendid opportunities that the larger groups of other sections of the country are now enjoying





MRS. CELIA WEBB HILL

President of the Julia Gaston Club, Evanston, Illinois, member of the Phyllis Wheatley Club of Chicago, active in civic, social and religious life and a capable, practical and successful business woman.

MRS. MARY L. MARTIN

President of the Old Folks Home Association of East St. Louis, Ill., has been an earnest and capable worker in community betterment. Under her efficient administration, the Old Folks has had a remarkable growth.







MISS JENNIE E. LAWRENCE

Miss Jennie E Lawrence, the daughter of a Presbyterian Minister, was born in Salisbury, N. C. She received her education at Livingston College and Seotia Seminary in her home State and was a teacher for several years before coming to Chicago to enter her chosen field as a trained social service worker. She served very efficiently as Superintendent of the Phyllis Wheatley Home for five years.

Miss Lawrence was a very earnest club worker for a number of years until her health failed her in 1920. She has taken an active part in all local and political affairs, is a member of the People's Movement Club, has recently been appointed as delegate from the Phyllis Wheatley Club to the League of Cook County Clubs for 1922-23 and is at present employed by the Southside Property Owner's Association.



## IDA WELLS BARNETT

Ida Wells Barnett, was born in Holly Springs, Miss, and a daughter of James and Lizzie Wells.. She attended the common schools and later the Rust University.. On June 27, 1895 she married Ferchnand Lee Barnett.. For the last 30 years, Mrs. Barnette has been an editor, lecturer, and soci l service worker. She taught school for 7 years in Memphis, Tenn, and resigned from that vocation to become editor and part owner of the Memphis Free Speech..

Mrs.. Barnett has toured the world as a lecturer, gaining a world wide reputation.. She has always been active in social and uplft work and is considered one of the foremost pioneer club women..

## MRS. FANNIE MASON

Mrs. Fannie Mason is another of the pioneer workers in Woman's clubdom. She is an ardent religious, civic and club worker and is now the president of one of the largest political organizations in the city. With the assistance of Mrs Gabrilla Knightson Smith and several other women, she founded the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People in Chicago.







MRS. LOUISE SOLOMON WALLER

Born in Fayetteville, Tennessee, educated at Nashville and has resided in Chicago for a number of years. She is active in church, civic and club affairs, has served as president of the Frederick Douglass Center and is now president of the Civic League.

MRS. SARAH SHEPPARD

Mrs. Sarah Shepperd of Peoria is one of the leading down-state clubwomen. She has been a member of the federation for a number of years and has held many of its important offices.

As a welfare worker she has become especially prominent in her home town. She is a former president of the Woman's Aid Club and a member of the City Federation of Women's Clubs of Peoria, which includes all clubs regardless of the race, creed or color of their members.



## MRS. EUGENIA SOUTHE TYLER

Mrs. Eugenia Southe Tyler is one of the ambitious young women of Chicago who is forging her way ahead in the club world and who has rendered efficient service as secretary, editor and a member of the Ways and Means Committee of several local clubs and both the city and state federations. Mrs. Tyler was born in Peoria, but has resided in Chicago for a number of years.



LIZZIE JANE CRAWLEY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Crawley, Vice-President of the Chicago City Federation, President of the Ideal and the East Side Woman's Clubs and a member of the Board of Directors of the Phyllis Wheatley Home, has for the past two years, worked untiringly as chairman of the Permanent Club Home Committee to bring about a realization of the vision which she brought to the Federation, the purchasing of a commodious home for the Clubs belonging to the Northern District.

Born in Nelson County, Kentucky, April 2, 1868, and is the daughter of James and Marandy Gore. She attended the common schools in Jefferson County, and at an early age located in Louisville, Kentucky. She married Mr. William Curtis, who died on Feb. 11, 1899. Mrs. Crawley came to Chicago in 1903, and on June 8, 1906, she married Mr. Walter Crawley of this

city. She has one son, William Curtis. Since coming to Chicago Mrs. Crawley has been very active in social and welfare work. She is chairman of the executive board of the District Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, was past chairman, social improvement department, District Federation, Colored Women's Clubs, and past president, Ideal Women's Club. Mrs. Crawley lives, at 529 East 36th street.



MRS. JULIA LINDSAY GIBSON

Julia Lindsay Gibson is the second daughter of the late Thomas H. and Sophia J. Lindsay and the widow of the late Henry C. Gibson. She has been identified with the Illinois Federation since its start and has filled every office in the organization except that of its President, which, although several times offered to her, she has thus far declined to accept. She filled the office of the first President of the Central District Federation with credit and the same efficiency that has characterized her work in other fields. She is an earnest Church and Sunday School worker, has served as President of the Woman's Aid, the Social and Art Literary and is a member of the Mutual Aid Clubs and has been especially active in the Household of Ruth and the Eastern Star. In addition she has been a delegate to a number of the meetings of the N. A. C. W.

### MRS. CORDELIA WEST

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Mrs. Cordelia West formerly of Evanston, Indiana was the organizer of the Chicago Federation. She is president of the Ida B. Wells and several other local clubs and has held almost every office in the State Federation. As an ardent political worker, she deserves more than passing notice for her excellent work in local, state and national campaigns. Mrs. West is a active church member, a loyal friend and a sympathetic helper in time of need. She at present holds a very lucrative position in the Chicago City Hall.



### MRS. DESDEMONA SUBLETT

Mrs. Desdemona Sublett is one of the pioneers in Illinois club work. She is an active member of the Civic League of Quinn Chapel, the Board of Managers of the Phyllis Wheatley Home Association and has held many of the most important office in the State federation. At the last meeting she was appointed chairman of the Pioneer Workers.





MRS. EVA ROUSE

Mrs. Eva Rouse is a native of Chatham, Canada, but has lived in Evanston, Illinois for a number of years. She is active in the club life of the city and state. She is president of the Iroquois Community League and has been one of its most earnest workers in promoting the very much needed Community house, where girls can find healthful recreation, christian guidance and protection.

MRS. GERTRUDE MOORE

Mrs. Gertrude Moore, fourth president of the Phyllis Wheatley Home, is one of the conscientious and earnest Chicago members of the State Federation. Under her administration, the Phyllis Wheatley Home enjoyed a period of unparalleled prosperity. Her quiet unassuming personality has won and helps her to keep her many friends.







MARY FITZBUTLER WARING, M. D.

Dr. Mary Fitzbutler Waring has been actively connected with the Illinois State Federation for the past twenty years. She has served as Secretary, Statistician, Chairman of Education, Chairman of Health, and Chairman of the Executive Board.

In 1914 the Federation selected her as their choice for National Commissioner of the Lincoln Jubilee and her appointment by Governor Dunne followed. As a member of Frederick Douglass Memorial Board of Trustees at Washington she has been instrumental in raising the State's share of money and through her efforts twenty names of Illinois Club women and clubs are inscribed on the tablet at Washington, D. C.

She is the founder and for many years served as president of the Necessity Club which maintains the Necessity Club Day Nursery at 3518 Dearborn street.

She has served as Chairman of Health and Hygiene of the National Association of Colored Women since 1911, in 1919 she represented the National Council of Women and served on the Committee on Better Films. In 1918 she spoke at the meeting of the National Council of



Women at the Statler Hotel in Saint Louis on the treatment of colored people in America. In 1920 she was appointed as a representative by the National Council of Women to the International Council held in Christina, Norway and visited thirteen European countries with the American delegation.

In war work she did more in Chicago than any other woman to put things over for the Red Cross. She was chairman of the Auxiliary which knitted over 400 sweaters, 260 pairs of socks, over 100 helmets and made many hundreds of garment for the people of devastated Europe. Also organized and directed until the return of all the soldiers. The cinteen composed of twenty-four colored women who wore the regulation uniform.

Dr. Waring met and served all the colored troops passing through Chicago. She served as a member of the Illinois State Committee on the National Council of Defense and the Mayor's Committee of Chicago to welcome returning soldiers.

After the close of the war she was appointed as a National Organizer of Colored Girls in War Camp Community work doing most effieient work in St. Louis, Missouri.

She is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta and affiliated with all group movements for the good of the people.

She graduated in medicine many years ago but has taught in Chieago for the past sixteen years. At present she is teaching in the Wendell Phillips School and is doing post graduate work in the Chicago Medical School from which she will receive a degree this year.

### MRS. DAISY RENFRO

Mrs. Daisy Renfro, Corresponding Secretary of the Federation 1921-22: School Teacher and active club worker of the Southern District.

She is now president of the Carbondale Woman's Club.





MRS. MARGARET WYCHE

Mrs. Wyche, one of the Life members of the Illinois Federation, is president of the State Federation and is a member of several important committees. Mrs. Wyche was especially commended for her splendid service during the World War.

MRS. LOLA Y. DOWNS

Mrs. Lola Y. Downs is the untiring president of the Julia Gaston club of Evanston, Illinois. No woman in the State has been more faithful to the Federation and the local church, civic and club work than she.





DR. FANNIE EMANUEL

Dr. Fannie Emanuel was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 31, 1871. On February 28, 1888 she married Wm. Emanuel of New York City, and shortly after located in Chicago.

In 1908 she took a course in social science at the Graham Taylor School of Civics, several years latter attended the Chicago College of Medicine where she graduated in 1915 with the degree of M. D. Dr. Fannie Emanuel is well known in social and medical circles and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Phyllis Wheatley Club.

MRS. EMMA HOWLAND

Mrs. Emma Howland formerly president of the Julia Gaston club of Evanston is another of the sincere woman who have made possible the remarkable success of the Illinois Federation. She takes an active interest in all affairs pertaining to community betterment and is always ready to lend a hand where there is work to be done.

MRS. JULIA FLORIVEL DUNCAN





REV. CELIA PARKER WOOLEY

June 14, 1848—March 9, 1918

Celia Parker was born in Toledo, the daughter of Marcellus Harris and Harriet Marie Parker. Her girlhood was spent at Coldwater, Mich., where she was graduated from the Coldwater Female Seminary and was later married to Dr. J. H. Wooley (December 29, 1868). She moved to Chicago in 1876 and at once became interested in the literary and civic life of the city. On October 21, 1894, she was ordained as a minister in the Unitarian Fellowship at Geneva, Illinois. In 1904 she organized the Frederick Douglass Center.

This story would be incomplete without a tribute of respect and loving appreciation to the memory of that rare and gifted soul who has entered into the realm of eternal silence. She was easily approached, with an ear ever-ready to hear our story of joy or sorrow, hope or despair. She was interested in all our organizations and institutions from our smallest local club to our great N. A. C. W., and was a valued and helpful member of our State Federation.

Our friends are few and far between and the number grows smaller as the years go by. No words are adequate to express our grief for the passing of Mrs. Wooley, one of the truest friends we ever had. The



gentle voice is still, the busy hands are folded, the sympathetic heart has ceased to beat, we cannot pierce the hidden folds of the Great Beyond, where her fearless soul is rising to higher planes of progress, but we can and we will keep her memory green in the hearts of a grateful people for whom she labored and endured much, and who are better and stronger because she lived and walked among them.



IRENE GOINS

Born in Quincy, Illinois, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sappington, well-known citizens of Quincy,. She attended the common schools of Quincy and Springfield, Illinois. On Dec. 26, 1894, she married Henry Sherman Goins, of Robinson, Illinois. Mrs. Goins and her husband came to Chicago in 1895, and in 1898 she engaged in the millinery business for her self which she conducted successfully until 1898. Since coming to Chicago she has been very active in social and welfare work and was president of the City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, 1919-1921. From 1918 to 1920 she was in the employ of the U. S. Employment Service and rendered valuable services to the local Red Cross during the World War. Mrs. Goins is a member of the executive board, Illinois League of Women Voters; vice-president, Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; vice-president Inter-Racial Co-Operative Committee; Executive Board of Women's Trade Union League. She is well known in social affairs, and resides at 2942 Prairie avenue.



MRS. ELIZA JOHNSON

Mrs. Eliza Johnson was born in Oxford, Miss., but has resided in Chicago for the past twenty-five years. She has been active in all club and civic affairs, the welfare of unfortunate children particularly appealing to her and is one of the most tireless and conscientious workers in the City Federation. Mrs. Johnson has during her club career, held a number of important offices among which are: Third President of and later Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Phyllis Wheatley Home and President of the Necessity Club in which organization she devoted much time to the club's Day Nursery. At present, head of the Louise D. Marshall Auxiliary of the 8th Regiment, organized in June of 1921, she and her co-workers have in the short period of existence of the Auxiliary, raised over \$1,000.00.

This sum was used to improve the lighting and to decorate the Armory and to help defray the cost of one hundred and forty-two trees planted along Giles avenue in memory of those heroes of the Regiment who died on the battle fields of France. The success of the recent dedication of Giles avenue (formerly Forest) avenue in memory of Lt. George L. Giles, the only officer of the 8th to give his life for his Country, was largely contributed to by this group of women.





MRS. MARY BURTON

Mrs Mary Burton of Sparta, Illinois, is one of the very sincere club workers in her community and was one of the leaders in the organization of the Sparta Woman's Club of which she is now president. At the last meeting of the State Federation, Mrs. Burton was appointed chairman of the Mother's Department

MME. BERTHA L. HENSLEY

Madame Bertha L. Hensley was born in Springboro, Warren County, Ohio, and was at an early age noted for her musical talent. She has been for a number of years an active and energetic worker in Chicago civic and club affairs. She was the 2nd president, is a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Tag Day Committee of the Phyllis Wheatley Home. She is also Chaperon of the Elite Social Charity Club. Madame Hensley is particularly interested in juvenile welfare and spends a great deal of her time in caring for unfortunate children in the city courts. As one of the city's leading modistes she has built up a very successful business.





AMANDA SMITH

Amanda Smith was born a slave in Long Green, Maryland, Jan., 23, 1837. She died at Sebring, Fla., Feb., 23, 1915. In the family was thirteen children, of whom seven were born slaves. Their freedom was purchased by their thrifty father who first bought his wife and then his children, one by one, until all were free. Of this large family only one sister remained to to watch with tender solicitude Amanda's declining days.

In early childhood Amanda Smith showed unusual ability. Capable and pious, she soon enlisted in church work and before she had attained to womanhood she became an evangelist. Later in 1883, her wonderful effectiveness as a temperance lecturer brought an invitation from Lady Somerset, England, to which she responded with a promise of a three months season of work under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., of which Lady Somerset was president. Her success in London and Liverpool was so remarkable that instead of a short stay of three months, her service were continued for twelve years preaching the gospel and temperance in England, Ireland, Scotland, India, Japan and Africa. Then she came home to Chicago to give the proceeds of her life work to bless orphan children.

At the age of 60 years, she founded the Amanda Smith Orphan Home by investing \$10,000—every cent of her life's savings, leaving herself penniless in her old age. Maintained by her tireless efforts, the work

grew, blessed by her prayers, hallowed by her sacrifices and watered by her tears. Through dark and discouraging days, she kept her lonely vigils supported by a faith which never failed.

Finally success came through a reorganization which placed the work under State control and made its permanence assured. Just as the silver lining fringed the clouds which had darkened the years of her devotion to the great work she had ordained, there came the welcomed message calling her from labor to reward.



SADIE PRITCHARD HART

Born in Muscatine, Iowa and has lived in Chicago for a number of years. She is a charter member of the State Federation and the Phyllis Wheatley Home and a prominent member of the Order of the Eastern Stars.



MRS. ETHEL McCracken CLEAVES.

The subject of this sketch, Mrs. Ethel McCracken-Cleaves, is a native of Illinois, having been born in Alton; the younger of two girls, Orleans and Ethel McCracken whose parents are the Rev and Mrs. Newton J. McCracken.

When quite young her parents moved to Chicago, where she was educated. After her graduation from High School she attended Wilberforce University and upon the completion of her work there taught school in Coleonda and Carbondale, Illinois, until her marriage when she returned to Chicago and became a teacher in the public schools of that city.

As a club woman, she has been an ardent worker, serving as president of the Young Matron's Culture Club and as assistant recording and recording secretary of both the city and State Federations. Mrs. McCracken was the organizer of the Annual United Bazaar Committee, which gave annual affairs and donated its proceeds to the Phyllis Wheatley and the Old Folks' Homes. She is also a member of the Phyllis Wheatley and the Volunteer Workers' Clubs.



SUSAN E. ALLEN

The subject of this sketch was born in Galesburg, Ill., on May 26, 1859, and was the only daughter of James and Clarissa (Richardson) Cannon. The Richardsons and two other families were the first settlers of Knox County and organizers of the Methodist Church there. Mrs. Allen was educated for a missionary in the Monmouth schools with the intentions of teaching in foreign fields. She is the mother of 20 children, 12 deceased. Eight have been reared to man and womanhood and educated in the Galesburg schools. She is a prominent pioneer in club work, being president of the Autumn Leaf Club and one of the organizers of the Woman's Progressive Club. She is a ward worker and member of the Republican Club of the county, a strong advocate for the temperance cause and women's suffrage, Past Worthy Matron of Patron Chapter No. 18, O. E. S., and Stewardess of Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church. Mrs. Allen is a pioneer worker in the Illinois State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and through the efforts of Agnes Moody attended the Federation first in Peoria when Mrs M. J. Jackson was president.



MRS. EMMA PARKER McDOUGAL

Emma Parker, the youngest daughter of the late Josephus and Mary Parker was born in Princeton, Indiana, December 8, 1864. She was educated in the grammar and high schools of Princeton, attended the Teachers' Normal School in 1884 and taught in Monroe City, Indiana, in 1885.

On September 26, 1886, she married Tobias J. McDougal of Chicago. For over thirty years she has been a resident of the beautiful Chicago suburb of Beverly Hills, where she has raised a family of seven children six of whom are living. Left a widow in 1904, she took up the task of educating her family with the result that; Martha Grace, the youngest child is now a competent stenographer and a pupil of the Chicago University of Music; Horace Morgan, is a Senior in the School of Commerce and Administration of the Northwestern University; Elmer, is a Railway Mail Clerk and Lemuel Girrard, is a student of architecture at Armour Institute of Technology.

Mrs. McDougal entered club work about twelve years ago and has served as President of the Ideal Woman's and the Ida B. Wells clubs and was a delegate to the first Constitutional Convention which met at the Congress Hotel. She was on the program of the League of Cook County



Clubs and submitted a paper that was a credit to her Club and the Race. In 1919 she was a delegate to Tuskegee from Chicago and Northern District Federation, where she was appointed Chairman of Transportation for for the State, to the National Convention in Richmond in 1922.

For over thirty years, Mrs. McDougal has been a member of Bethel A. M. E. Church and for a great part of that time served as a Stewardess of the Church

#### MRS. MARY SMITH

Mrs. Mary Smith, president of the Study Club composed of a group of young college women, who specialize in research work in Drama and Literature, is one of the younger set of the women's club world. Mrs. Smith has been invaluable as a worker among women and children for the Urban League and has been recently appointed as a visiting teacher by the Board of Education of Chicago. She is the first colored woman to hold such a position and those who know her have no doubt that she will reflect credit upon herself and her race.



MRS. ELLA G. BERRY

Mrs. Ella G. Berry was born in Stanford, Kentucky, but spent the earlier part of her life in Louisville, where she received her common and high school education. Since coming to Chicago Mrs. Berry has been active in club, fraternal and church work and very few women are better known in political circles.

She has been a member of the Cornell Charity Club since 1913, and has been untiring in her efforts to promote the work of the City and State Federations.

Mrs. Berry was always very pronounced in her suffragist tendencies and even before votes were given to women, she was an earnest student of political economy and seemingly graduated with honors about the time of the emancipation of her sex. Among the important positions that she has held in the field of political endeavor are: State organizer of Hughes Colored women's clubs for the National Republican Headquarters in 1919; investigator for the Commission on Race Relations, appointed by ex-Gov.

Lowden; Federal Census Enumerator in 1920, and president of the Woman's Second Ward Protective League, an organization which has for its objects the strengthening of politics in the Ward, charity and Javenile welfare.

She has recently been appointed as Home Visitor in the Department of Publie Welfare, which gives her the enviable distinction of being the first Colored person to hold a position in that department.

### ANNA C. ANDERSON

Born in Fort Scott, Kans. s, May 4, 1886 and attend the common schools in Fort Scott. When 14 years of age, she came to Chicago and for two years attended the South Divsion High School. On June 23, 1903 she married James H. Anderson, of New Orleans, La, who died on August 27, 1920. She has one daughter, Mary Anderson. Mrs Anderson embarked in the Beauty Culture field in 1913 and is having a successful career.. She rendered invaluable aid to the United Chirities during the World War; is well known in social and welfare circles and has been President of the American Rose Art Club for the past 2 years, having been a member of the Club for 9 years. Mrs. Anderson resides at 3335 Vernon avenue.



CARRIE S. OTEY

Born in Topeka, Kansas October 28, 1877, and is the daughter of Jason and Mary Scott. She attended the common schools in Topeka and came to Chicago in 1884, where she has remained ever since. She had a natural tendency for designing ladies' wearing apparel, and several years after coming to Chicago she embarked into business for herself as a high-class modiste and gained considerable reputation in that field of endeavor. On March 13, 1913, she married Mr. Frank Otey, of Lynchburg, Va. Mrs. Otey moves constantly in social and welfare circles and rendered valuable aid with the Kit and Comfort Club during the World War in conjunction with the local Red Cross. She is a past president and member of the Clara-Jessamine Club, is a member of the Beacon Light Court No 1, K. of P.; Ladies' Auxiliary, Railroad Men's Club No. 79; has been identified with the Phyllis Wheatley Club for many years and was formerly a member on the advisory board of the Phyllis Wheatley Home for about eight years.

#### MILDRED A. WILLIAMS,

Born in Jersey County, Illinois, May 18, 1886 and is the daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Weeks, early settlers of Jersey County. She attended the common schools in Jersey County and upon reaching the age of 12 she

was taken to Alton, Illinois, where she remained four years. In 1902 she went to Springfield, Illinois, where she lived two years and incidentally became identified with the Sunshine Club, of that city, later becoming its president: In 1904 she came to Chicago to engage in the millinery business for herself, and has remained here ever since. On June 9, 1909, she married Mr. Grant Williams, who also comes from Jersey County, Illinois. Mrs. Williams since coming to Chicago has been prominent in social and welfare circles. She did considerable work with the Second Ward Club for the local Red Cross during the World War. She is a past president and member of the American Art Rose Club and the Town of Lake Charity Club, is a member of the Trustee's Aid Club of the Community Center Church and is chairman of the blind reading room.



MRS. IDA MOSBY TYLER

President of the Volunteer Workers Club, born in Detroit, Michigan, but has resided in Chicago for the past 38 years.





SADIE LEWIS ADAMS

Sadie Lewis Adams, born in Staunton, Va., graduated from the public school of Staunton and Hartshorn College, of Richmond, Va. Served as teacher and secretary of Sunday school of John Wesley M E. Church; also first president of Young People's Lyceum of above church. Teacher in the public school of Staunton until her marriage, June, 1892, to James P. Adams. Devoted first 17 years to the rearing of her children, two girls and a boy, to maturity, then began active club work. Moved to Chicago in 1910 and became an active member of St. Thomas E. P. Church. Served as recording secretary of the Dorocas Society and is now president of the Doreas. Also served as recording secretary for the Woman's Home Missionary Society; is a charter member of the Gaudeamus Charity Club, having served for years as recording secretary and three years as president.; charter members of Clara-Jesomine Club and served for two years as recording secretary; charter member of the Baby Relief Club and then first vice-president; member of the Inter-Racial Circle, whose work was to assist the Amanda Smith School for Girls, located at Harvey, Ill.; a member of the Woman's City Club and an associate member of the Y. W. C. A. and Chicago Urban League; served for several years as treasurer of the building fund for Amanda Smith School for Girls at Harvey, Ill., serving as member of the Inter-Racial Co-Operatives committee of Chicago; also as a

member of the Illinois Home and Aid Society Board; was one of the first group of women who served on election boards, Mrs. Adams serving as judge and clerk; also served as school census enumerator for board of education in 1916; attended National Equal Rights League in Washington, 1916, delegate from Alpha Suffrage club, the only delegate from the state of Illinois; served as v-president and secretary of the Alpha Suffrage Club the first suffrage club of Colored women in Chicago; attended the Illinois Equal Suffrage League as delegate from Chicago Federation to two conventions held in Chicago; April, 1922, was elected delegate to the Pan-American Congress National League, Women Voters' Convention held in Baltimore, Md.; was the only Colored delegate from the state of Illinois. **Record of Mrs. Adams' war work:** First gave her only son to fight for world democracy. He was a bugler in Company "F", 365th Inf., was wounded and gassed; finally honorably discharged; gave three hours each day twice a week for child welfare work at Provident Hospital, weighed and measured the babies and wrote record cards; also gave two hours a day, once a week to register women for war work; for services rendered, received a sleeve band" as a mark of honor from "the women's committee, State Council of Defense;" served on citizen's committee to welcome home the 370th Inf. Regt. (old 8th) from the battlefields of the world's great war in **France**; also the 365th Regt. when they returned to the United States; is a member of Cornerstone No 82, Order of Eastern Star; Liberty Court No. 44, Order of Calanthe; Maid Marian Foresters and Easter Lily Club. After serving as parliamentarian and first vice-president of Chicago and Northern District Federation of C. W. Clubs was elected president in 1921; also served as chairman of civic department of City Federation; now serving the second term as Chairman of the Civic and Labor committee for the Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

### MRS. SARAH SCOTT

Mrs. Sarah Scott, 6144 Carpenter street, is the wife of Charles E. Scott, Past Eminent Commander of Godfrey Commandery No. 5. For the past 25 years Mrs. Scott has been a deaconess of the M. E. Church and a prominent worker in the Order of the Eastern Star. For 30 years she has worked in behalf of various welfare and charity clubs and at present is the president of the Ladies' Labor of Love Club. She has built up its membership, made many friends for the club and herself, and so managed affairs that the club furnished all the fittings for the bath room of the Old Folks' Home at 4430 Vincennes avenue.



MATTIE JOHNSON YOUNG

Mrs. Mattie Johnson Young was reared in Mississippi, but went to Memphis, Tenn., when she was old enough to earn her own living and worked there until she moved to Chicago. While living in Memphis, she made many friends among the best people there, by the same earnest effort and thorough manner of doing her work, which enabled her to attain and hold for twenty years, the distinction of being the only colored sales-lady ever employed by the firm of Siegal and Cooper of Chicago.

By her tact, impartial courtesy and unfailing good humor she was one of the most successful saleswomen of the hundreds who were employed there. As she was the only colored one on the whole floor, she was herself a demonstration to thousands as to her race's capability and the race owes here a debt of gratitude for what she has done along this line.

Her opportunities for school were meager, but she was determined to learn and she seized every opportunity which came in her way to make up for her deficiencies, and she has nobly succeeded. Many an evening after standing all day behind the counter, Miss Johnson ate a hurried supper, got her books and started out again for night school. In this way she kept abreast of the times and her business.

In the same way she has become one of the most zealous members of the Bethesda Baptist Church and has for a number of year served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Phyllis Wheatley Home Association.

After the disruption of the firm of Segiel and Cooper, Mrs. Young became a member of the sales force of the Public Life Insurance Company, with which she is now making an enviable record.



MRS. CLARA JOHNSON

Born in Columbia, Missouri, Past President of the City Federation and the Volunteer Workers Club; Chairman of the Executive Board of the State Federation and President of the Phyllis Wheatley Home. An active earnest worker in all church, civic and social affairs of the City and State.





MRS. GRACE WILSON

Grace Wilson, member of Chicago Union Charity Club, wanted to do real work and went to Chicago School of Civic and Philanthropy. She took a course in social work and was assigned to the investigation department of the Negro Fellowship League under Mrs. Ida B. Wells Barnett in the city of Chicago.

She took the examination for matron for the State Training School for Girls at Geneva, Illinois, was certified and appointed, being the first Colored woman to hold a civil service position in that institution. She held that position for two years and then took the policewoman examination for the police department in the city of Chicago. She was certified and appointed and now holds that position and has the honor of being the first Colored woman to receive a civil appointment for such a position in Chicago. She has been given creditable mention by the chief of police for efficiency and has won several medals for shooting, the last one from the Chicago Daily News contest given for the police. Many arrests and convictions are given to her credit, murderers among them. She has many friends and Chicago is proud of her only policewoman.





MRS. FANNIE TURNER

Mrs. Fannie Turner came to Chicago in 1904 and her activity in club work dates from her arrival. She is a charter member of the Ideal Woman's Club and was elected second Vice President of the City Federation in 1909, serving in that capacity until June 9, 1910, when both the president and the first vice president having been called from labor to reward, she served the unexpired term and was elected as president for the balance of 1910 and 1911. During her administration she exerted every effort to build up the Chicago City Federation and before passing out of office was successful in raising its membership to thirty-three clubs. Mrs. Turner's efficiency and interest in club work is amply evidenced by the following list of offices which she has held. Chairman of the Executive Board of the City Federation (1911), President of the Katie D. Tillman Club (1914-17), Vice Chairman of the Executive Board (1916-17), third Vice President (1917-19 and first Vice President of the State Federation (1918-20), and President of the Ideal Woman's Club (1920). Since entering Illinois club work she has missed only one National, one State and two City Federation meetings and those on account of the many duties mentioned. She has not neglected her home, her husband and her family of thirteen children.



#### MRS. PEARL POWELL

Mrs. Pearl Powell, Murphyboro, Ill., is one of the younger women of the Federation and is now serving as a member of the Ways and means Committee. As president of the Golden Seal Club, she is doing splendid work for the betterment of her community.

#### MRS. ELLA JOHNSON

Mrs. Ella Johnson is one of the pioneer workers in the fields of organized club activities. She has served for over ten years as the very capable treasurer of the Phyllis Wheatley Woman's club.

#### MRS. IRENE . MOORE

Mrs. Irene B. Moore, born in Kentucky has, since her residence in Chicago go, become one of the leading figures in local club work. She is at present the very efficient secretary of several large and well known organizations and seems destined to be one of the future leaders in the State federation.

## FANNIE BARRIER WILLIAMS

Born in Brockport, N. Y., and married S. Lang Williams. Attended the common schools, Brockport Collegiate Institute, New England Conservatory of Boston, Mass, and the school of Fine Arts, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams first come into public notice during the "World's Columbian Exposition." By a surprising display of wit and eloquence she won from the board of Control some recognition of the American Negro in the Exposition.

When it was determined to hold a Council of Representative Women of the World in connection with the Exposition, she was selected as an in-



teresting representative of the colored people. Her address on "The Intellectual Progress of Colored Women" before that body created a profound impression..

In the great "Parliament of Religions" Mrs. Williams was again selected to say something of historic interest on the subject, "What Can Religion Further Do to Advance the Cause of the American Negro?"

The address was delivered before the representatives of the world's great religions and is esteemed as one of the remarkable utterances of that notable occasion. Extracts from this address are to be found in all complete publications of the great "Parliament of Religions."

After the close of the Columbian Exposition, Mrs. Williams received invitations from all parts of the country

to deliver her addresses.

The peculiar evidence of her merit as an interesting speaker is the fact that she has always been asked to repeat her addresses in the same places. She has been an especial favorite of the great women's organizations.

She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Phyllis Wheatley club.

### MRS. NORA F. TAYLOR

It was Mrs. Nora F. Taylor of Chicago, one of the most widely known Evangelists in the country, who brought to the Federation the idea of creating a fund for the establishment of the Monrovia Mission on the West Coast of Africa.

The raising of funds to carry out this project has been one of the main objectives of the Federation's efforts since the acceptance of Mrs. Taylor's idea and its realization will be an event of the near future.

Mrs. Taylor is always busily engaged in club and fraternal work and has served in many of the highest State offices. She expects, when the Mission is established, to carry her work to Africa.

### MINNIE A. COLLINS

Minnie A. Collins, was born in Ohio and has been a resident of Chicago for many years, she is the wife of Robert I. Collins and is well known in club and social circles.

Mrs. Collins is one of the pioneer Club women of Chicago, has been identified with Phyllis Wheatley Club for 20 years, is chairman of the Board of Managers of the Phyllis Wheatley Home and is active in church work.



EVA DEROUSSE-JENIFER

Was born in Kaskaskia, Illinois, the first settlement of the state. Her father, Louis DeRousse, came from Patis, France, and was one of the factors in the settlement of Illinois. After his death her mother brought the little Eva to Chicago, then a primitive city, where she attended the old Clark Street school. She finished school at Champaign, Illinois, and was married there. She is the mother of three children and through her efforts they received excellent educations. After the death of her husband she established a hair business in Springfield, Illinois, which grew to be one of the largest in the country, and in which she educated many of our girls, who are now conducting successful business in different parts of the United States. Although leading a strenuous business life she never neglected to assist those who were willing to attempt the same, as her motto has truly been "Lifting as we Climb."

Wherever she has lived she has left marks of her devotion to others, and many are blessing her for untiring and unselfish efforts. In 1902 she retired from business and moved to Chicago. She placed her church membership in the Institutional A. M. E. church and was an untiring worker there as well as in club work.

In 1904 she married Dr. John T. Jenifer, historian of the A. M. E.



Church, and went to live in Baltimore, Maryland. She at once saw the need of organization there. She called together a large number of refined, intelligent Christian women and placed the need of community clubs before them. They favored the movement, so that when the National Federation met in Brooklyn, New York, 22 clubs were brought in, the largest number of clubs brought in the Federation at one time. There stands today in the city of Baltimore a monument of her work in the Eva Jenifer Community Home for Girls. By all she is loved and honored for her work she did while there.

In 1910 she and her husband went to Chicago, Illinois, to make their home. Seeing the need of a Y. W. C. A. for our girls there she started the one that is in existence there now, stood at the helm with her knowledge of that work and financed it for two years. God blessed her efforts for it is continuing to grow and do much good. During the late war she was one of the most ardent workers in the Red Cross and Canteen work, also graduating as a Red Cross nurse.

After the death of Dr. Jenifer, she decided in 1919 to make her home in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, and spend the remainder of her years in rest and grow flowers and raise chickens. So she built a bungalow on one of the hills of that city, surrounded by the beautiful Ozark mountains. It was not long though before she found that her work was not yet ended, and altho she felt she had reached the top of the hill and was going down on the shady side, she could not resist the temptation to help these struggling people. She put new life in the clubs she found here, organized several more, federated them and was made president of the City Federation. She inspired them to improve an Old Folks' Home property they own and it is now repaired, painted and papered and one of the most beautiful places in Hot Springs.

The court, hearing of her work, made her truant officer over the Colored children of the city, and they saw the morals of the city have been greatly improved thru her efforts. Her unassuming ways and kindly spirit has won for her many friends, and pen cannot tell the many deeds of kindness she done.



MRS. EMMA DE COURLANDER

Mrs. Emma De Courlander, president of the New Method Industrial Club, is active in fraternal, club and religious circles.

MRS. MYRA HUNTER REEVES

Mrs. Myra Hunter Reeves, organizer of the Young Matrons Culture Club, also its president for two years and three months, was secretary of the Executive Board of the City Federation and Organizer. At present she is chairman of the Ways and Means of the Northwestern Federation of Women's Club.

Mrs. Reeves won the diamond ring in the prize essay contest, and has done a great deal in the way of co-operation between the schools and the community. She is at present connected with the Liberty Life Insurance Company.





MRS. RUTH E. GRIFFETTS

Mrs. Ruth E. Griffetts, president of the Benevolent Worker's Club of Marion. She is one of the very active and successful down-state workers.

LIZZIE HUSTER

Lizzie Huster, secretary of Benevolent Worker's Club, Marion is one of the promising club women of the younger set.





MRS. RUTH STEELE

Mrs. Ruth Steele, president of the Young Married Ladies' Industrial Club; Parliamentarian of the City Federation and a earnest club woman.

VELIA W. ARMSTRONG

Velia Armstrong, born in Toluca, Illinois, February 21, 1897 and is the daughter of Andrew and Gertrude Whiner. She came to Chicago at an early age, where she attended the common schools. On September 10, she married Mr. Rex Armstrong of Knoxville, Tenn. Mrs. Armstrong has a character of sterling excellence and is well known and active in social circles.

She is a past president and member of the East Side Women's Club; is a member of the Ideal Woman's Club; is Chairman of the Charity Department of the Chicago District Federation of Colored Woman's Clubs; is also a member of the Olivet Baptist Church. Mrs. Armstrong resides at 4822 St. Lawrence avenue.



MRS. MELVINA COTTON

Mrs. Melvina Cotton has been an active member of the Civic and Social life of Peoria for a number of years. The Woman's Aid Club was organized in her home and she served for several years as its first President. As one of the trustees of the Community House conducted by the Club, she has given evidence of her business ability. She is one of the most faithful members and earnest supporters of Ward Chapel A. M. E. Church and has done splendid work in the Federation.



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## Chapter Seven

### INSTITUTIONS

#### THE PHYLLIS WHEATLEY HOME

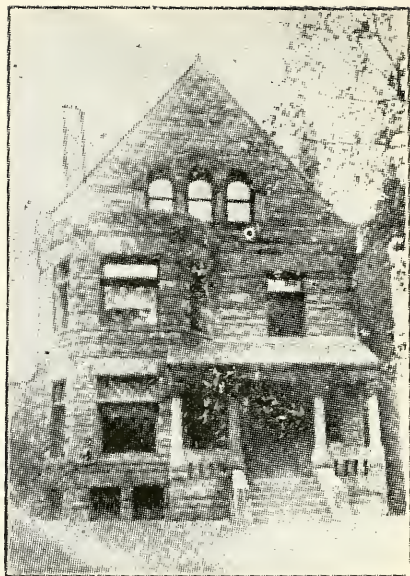
Chicago, Illinois.

The Phyllis Wheatley Home for self-supporting girls purchased in 1913 is the leading and most valuable institution in the State. Occupying a commodious and well built brown stone building at 3256 Rhodes ave, of the Phyllis Wheatley Home Association, an organization that grew out of the Phyllis Wheatley Club, which established the first home at 3530 Forest avenue in 1908.

The object of the Phyllis Wheatley Home Association is to maintain a home which will solve the problem of the colored girl or woman of good character who come to Chicago for the purpose of advancement, often without relatives, friends or money; to surround them with Christian influences, to elevate the standard of employment and to provide a social or community center.



Group of Phyllis Wheatley Girls



The occupants of the Home come through the Traveller's Aid Society through correspondence, and through the directions of organizations recognizing the reliability of the Home and the advantage of its protection.

There is no endowment fund to support this institution, which fact gives it the unique distinction of being the only institution of its kind that has been managed entirely by race women and supported almost entirely by colored people.

The migration from the South has greatly increased the work of the Home. Its facilities are far from adequate to accomodate the large number of applicants for admission. However, the executive board has, for the past few years, bent all its energies to paying off the balance due on the mortgage and have succeeded in reducing it, on the property valued at \$25,000.00, to less than \$2,000.00.

## THE NECESSITY CLUB DAY NURSERY

Chicago, Illinois

The Necessity Club Day Nursery, 3518 Dearborn street, Chicago, represents the attainment of the goal of the Necessity Club whose members a few years raised over \$1,000.00 which was applied on the purchasing and remodeling of the building opened in 1920 as a day nursery under the auspices of the Chicago Day Nursery Association.

## THE YATES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Cairo, Illinois

The Yates Memorial Hospital, Cairo, was opened in December of 1916 by the Yates Woman's Club which had struggled for over twelve years under the leadership of Mrs. William H. Fields, to establish and maintain, for our race group, an institution that would assure efficient and fair treatment, highly skilled medical service and a congenial environment.

This institution not only meets a great need in Cairo, but receives patients from many of the surrounding towns. Annual tag days, musicals, bazaars, etc., are some of the means by which the Woman's Club is enabled to accept for treatment, every sufferer, whether with or without means to pay for the service rendered.

## THE LILLIAN JAMIESON HOME

Decatur, Illinois

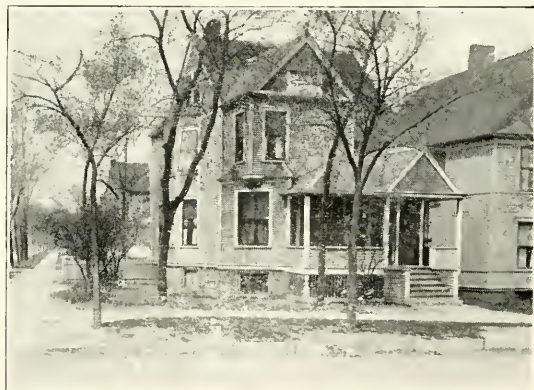
The Lillian Jamieson Home was founded by the Big Sisters Club of Decatur, and named in honor of Mrs. Lillian Jamieson while she was serving as president of the State Federation. Its object is to provide a home for girls of that city, who have no relatives or friends and who need to be safeguarded and housed at reasonable rates.



### THE WOMAN'S AID CLUB HOME

Danville, Illinois

The Woman's Aid Club House was purchased in 1907 by the Woman's Aid Club to give the Club and its Juvenile auxiliary a permanent place to hold their meetings. The club house has become a great asset for community betterment and as a recreation center for the young people.



### THE IROQUOIS COMMUNITY LEAGUE HOME

Evanston, Illinois

The Iroquois Community League of Evanston has worked long and faithfully, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Eva Rouse, to meet the need of a recreation center for the girls of their city. The beautiful Iroquois Community Home was contracted for in 1921 and the Club expects to open it when the present tenant's lease expires in 1923.



## WOMAN'S AID COMMUNITY CENTER

Peoria, Illinois

Some years ago the Woman's Aid Club purchased a piece of property improved with a nine room house, to be used as a meeting place. They have recently decided to have a Community Center in connection.

## HOME FOR AGED AND INFIRM COLORED PEOPLE

Chicago, Illinois

In 1898 seven old people were driven from their temporary home by fire. Mrs. Gabriella Knighten Smith, Mrs. Fannie Mason, and a few other interested friends took upon themselves the task of caring for these unfortunates and rented a house to shelter them until other arrangements

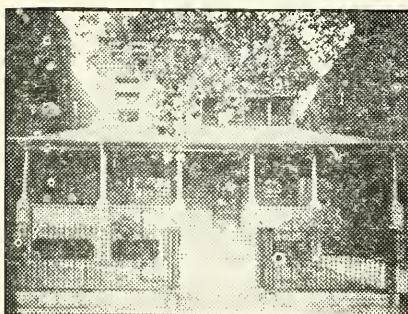




TWO AGED INMATES



OLD HOME  
510 Garfield Ave.



NEW HOME  
4430 Vincennes Ave.

could be made. Mrs. Bela Morrison, a kindhearted German woman, read of their distress and came to visit them. She was so impressed with their condition that she immediately bought all the food she could get at nearby stores (her visit was on a Sunday), gave Mrs. Smith money to temporarily care for them and later gave a house at 510 Garfield boulevard, to be used as an Old Folk's Home.

Mrs. Fannie Mason, superintended the moving of the old people into their home at two o'clock in the morning when several of the white property owners, who later became staunch friends, objected to colored neighbors. A small group of faithful women carried on the work for a number of years until an association was organized and a board of directors was appointed.

Too much praise cannot be given to those volunteer, pioneer workers who gave unstintedly of their time, sacrificing much that the old people might be comfortable.

Having outgrown their old quarters, a larger and more modern home was purchased in 1921 at 4430 Vincennes avenue.

Many clubs contributed annually to the home's support, among the largest of these clubs contributors being the Woman's Aid and the Volunteer Workers. These clubs contributions with donations from the Amateur Minstrels, tag days and an occasional bequest form the means of support for this very worthy of the city's institutions.



### LINCOLN COLORED HOME

Springfield, Illinois

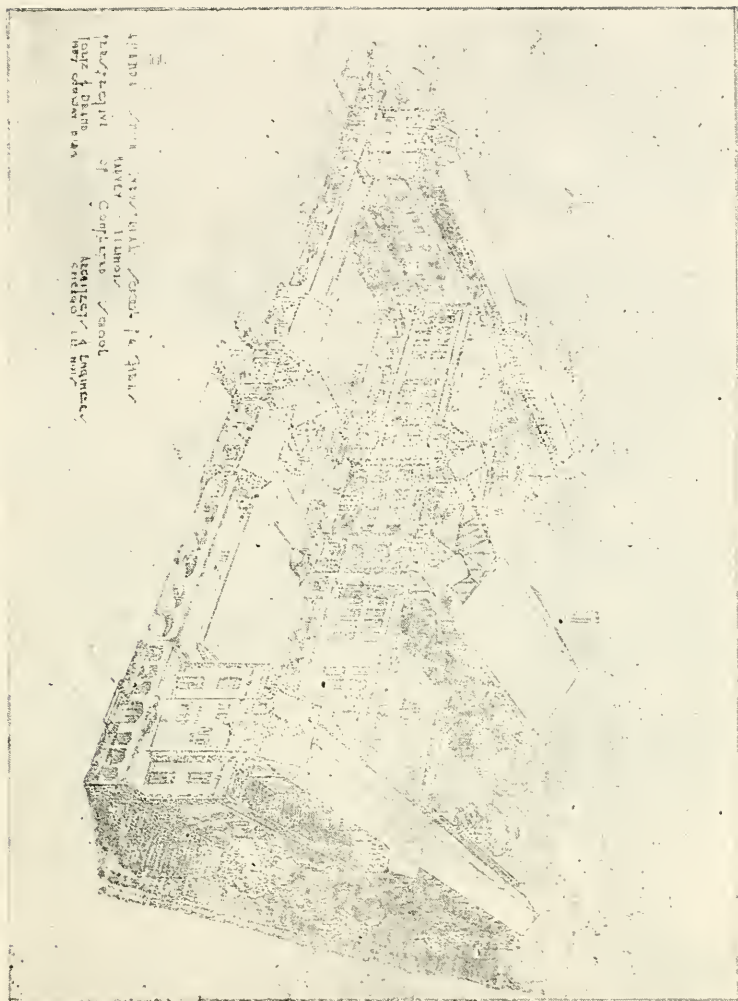
The Lincoln Colored Home, founded by Mrs. Eva Monroe, is the oldest and best known institution in the State. The Illinois State Federation and many individual club contribute regularly to its support.

### THE AMANDA SMITH INDUSTRIAL HOME

Chicago, Illinois

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The New Amanda Smith Industrial Home has risen out of the ashes of the old home founded by Amanda Smith at the age of sixty years. Mrs. Eliza Halliday, chairman and former President of the North Side Woman's Club, and her excellent committees are working hard to erect the new building at Harvey during the present year.



## YOUNG MARRIED LADIES INDUSTRIAL CLUB.

Chicago, Illinois

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A group of young women who wanted to contribute their little mite toward the uplift of humanity; who wanted to scatter a little sunshine here and there, by helping those less fortunate, on September 14, organized the Young Married Ladies Industrial Club..

They elected Mrs. Ruth Steele as their president and adopted the motto, "Helping Others". The sole object of this club, which is limited to a membership of thirty, is charity and during the six years that they have been organized, over \$1200.00 has been raised for the carrying out of their plans.

The presidents of the club have been Mrs. Ruth Steele, Mrs. Arletta Polk, Mrs. Audrey Eberhart, Mrs. Floyd Edgerton and Mrs. Beatrice Wright. Mrs. Birdie Holoway is the present Secretary.

## THE NEW METHOD INDUSTRIAL CLUB

Chicago, Illinois

The New Method Industrial Club was organized in April of 1907 with Mrs. Emma Decoulander as President and Mrs. Minnie Patterson as instructor. This club which has increased from a membership of ten to a limit of fifty-two and has a long waiting list, became affiliated with the city and state federations in 1915.

Large contributions have been made to charity and during the war excellent work was done with the National Council of Defense in knitting for the soldiers and in the various drives. The present officers are: Mrs. Laura Yancy, President; Mrs. Mamie Payne, Recording Secretary and Mrs. Sadie Baskerville, Financial Secretary.



## Chapter Eight

### LOOKING FORWARD

Twenty two years have passed since our women in Illinois became interested in the work of organized effort.

When we take a retrospective view of the field we are amazed at the marvelous work accomplished in these few short years. We have seen our organization, the first of any of the States to be federated, grew from seven small clubs to more than one hundred throughout the State; seventy-five or more of them banded together in one harmonious effort to be loyal to women and just to children.

There are, of course, in the world of organized effort, two classes of persons—the builders and the wreckers. We are too happy to know and believe that the builders are in the majority. They are the only ones who are ever watchful, ever on the lookout to extend a helping hand to the needy, the suffering and the unfortunate; not for vainglory or self-reward, but in obedience to the divine command. To give a cup of cold water unto the least of these unfortunate ones is giving it unto Him. They are the ones who weekly or monthly, when the doors swing outward, wend their way hopefully to the club meeting, ever ready to join in unity, harmony and co-operation, to further whatever good work is presented for their consideration. They are the ones who support the churches, build homes for the aged, the orphans and the wage-earning girl. They are ever mindful of the child in the slums, the girl in the kitchen, the woman in the alley.

These builders, while ever mindful of affairs philanthropic, are not negligent in matters relative to intellectual and social uplift. We find them thronging our high schools, colleges and university halls, charging the social atmosphere with the strong electric current of their intellectual personality. These builders demand and are getting a better ministry, better school facilities in rural districts, better civic government,

better domestic relations, better political opportunities and are convincing those, who will stop to consider, that the world is steadily growing stronger and better in spite of all the new fads, ologies and isms that are springing up everywhere.

The wreckers, although in the minority, are not without their despicable influence; they are the ones who endeavor to tear down what the builders erect. These wreckers do not make good citizens and the greatest calamity that can befall any club is to have one or more wreckers to clog its wheels of progressive activity.

It has, indeed, been gratifying to see our women rising above the limitations of life, overcoming narrow prejudices, petty jealousies and selfish interests, moving forward to a broader, grander field of noble womanhood and usefulness. We have seen community conditions bettered, improved housing and sanitation, homes established for the aged and infirm, orphans, wage-earning and dependent girls and various other institutions helped, aside from numerous individual charity cases, proving beyond question that five thousand of our women in this State are alive three hundred and sixty-five days in the year, their hearts filled with enthusiasm and inspiration, each doing her level best to make the world better because she has lived.

Not alone at our doors has the work of our women become a recognized factor in the great movements of the world, but everywhere that other races are lending their best forces toward the uplift of humanity, there are we found.

Women "built" better than they knew when, realizing the value of coming together for mutual help, sympathy and encouragement in a broader, kindlier spirit; they began to organize in groups for community betterment.

Signs of progress everywhere; are as rays of light heralding the dawn of a new day in our history; but it is not yet time for us to fold our hands in quite content, thinking the work so well under way, that we can afford a little breathing space in the rush of world activities. The task is but just begun—the end is far distant—and there is much more to do before we can stand erect and say "Behold the perfect woman..." There is work in the hamlet, village, town and city; there are evils to be corrected, children housed and trained to right living and thinking, young people to be taught quiet manners in public places, habits of honesty, frugality and economy and men and women to be trained in methods of racial unity, harmony and co-operation.

The pulpit and press must join hands with the club women and speak out in loud and no uncertain tones against all things which tend to drag us from the high pedestal of honor, integrity and sterling worth in-

to the mire of corruption, vice and immortality in high places. If we would become strong, we must build from within and not from without; we must respect ourselves if we would demand respect from others.

Women of Illinois, you have done some things well, but greater things remain yet to be done. You have broadened and grown in the past score of years, but there are heights yet to be reached, more difficult problem to be solved, a wider vision of co-operation and unity to attain. ..

We can and do turn our eyes hopefully to the future, which looms up bright with the promise of a better day for all humanity. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; the Pan-African Congress recently held in Paris; the increasing sentiment, embodied in the Dyer-Anti lynching Bill, to blot forever from the fair pages of American history, the dark stain of mob violence and lawlessness; the discussion of ways and means of bringing about peace and harmony among all nations and a greater unity of races, are all evidences of our progress.



# Appendix



## MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD AS FOLLOWS:

Chicago, November, 21, 22, 1900; Peoria, October, 10, 11, 1901; Springfield, August 19, 20, 1902; Evanston, August 18, 20 1903; Jacksonville, October, 11, 14, 1904; Quincy, August 15, 18, 1905; Danville, August, 21, 24 1906; Champaign, June 11, 14, 1907; Bloomington, **October**, Chicago, August, 17, 20, 1909; Peoria, August, 16, 19, 1910; Monmouth, August 15, 18, 1911; Rock Island, August, 27, 30, 1912; Springfield, August, 19, 22, 1913; Moline, August, 19, 22, 1913; Chicago, August 17, 20, 1915; Champaign, August 29, to September, 1, 1916; Chicago, August, 21, 24, 1917; Bloomington, August 20, 23, 1918; Jacksonville, August, 19, 22, 1919; Galesburg, August 17, 20, 1920; Carbondale, August 1921; Danville, 1922.

## SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Chicago, June, 14, 1901; August, 30, 1901; April, 12, 1902; February, 15, 1904; Peoria, and Springfield.

All Executive meetings have since been held at the time of the annual meetings.

## OFFICERS:

### Officers—1900-1901

Mary J. Jackson, Jacksonville .....	President
Candelia West, Chicago .....	First Vice-President
Katherine Tillman, Chicago .....	Second Vice-President
M. V. Baker, Evanston .....	Third Vice-President
Julia Gibson, Peoria .....	Fourth Vice-President
Julia Duncan, Springfield .....	Fifth Vice-President
Margaret Anderson, Chicago .....	Recording Secretary
Jennie C. McClain, Springfield .....	Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Sarah Floyd, Peoria .....	Treasurer
E. L. Davis, Chicago .....	Organizer

### Officers—1901-1902

J. C. McClain, Springfield .....	President
Sarah Reed, Chicago .....	First Vice-President
Julia Duncan, Springfield .....	Second Vice-President
R. Yates, Evanston .....	Third Vice-President
Ella Standford, Peoria .....	Fourth Vice-President

A. R. Fields, Chicago .....	Fifth Vice-President
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Cordelia West, Chicago .....	Chairman Ways and Means Comm.

#### Officers—1902-1903

J. C. McClain, Springfield .....	President
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Mrs. M. V. Baker, Evanston .....	Third Vice-President
S. Fields, Chicago .....	Fourth Vice-President
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Blanche Shaw, Chicago .....	Assistant Secretary
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Mrs. Margaret Anderson, Chicago .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Cordelia West, Chicago .....	Organizer
Mrs. Julia Duncan, Springfield .....	Chairman Ways and Means Comm.

#### Officers—1904-1905

Mrs. Fannie Hall Clint, Chicago .....	President
R. H. Robinson, Danville .....	First Vice-President
Emma Smith, Bloomington .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Fred Dabney, Jacksonville .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. Corinne Knight, Alton .....	Fourth Vice-President
Mrs. Annie Wallace, Monmouth .....	Fifth Vice-President
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Lillian Hunt, Chicago .....	Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Williams, Aurora .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. T. C. Mundy, Quincy .....	Organizer
Mrs. E. Baker, Chicago .....	Chairman Ways and Means Comm.
Mrs. Ella N. Stanford, Peoria .....	Chairman Executive Board

#### Officers—1905-1906

Mrs. L. L. Kinnebrew, Jacksonville .....	President
Mrs. Altheda Moore, Rock Island .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. Eliza Holliday, Chicago .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Marie Toles, Chicago .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. Annie Waldon, Monmouth .....	Fourth Vice-President
Mrs. Annie Nichols, Danville .....	Fifth Vice-President

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Hattie Morgan, Champaign .....	Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Belle Taylor, Rock Island .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Julia Duncan, Springfield .....	Treasurer..
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R. H. Robinson, Danville .....	Chairman Ways and Means Comm.
Mrs. Annie Peyton, Chicago .....	Chairman Executive Board

### Officers—1907-1908

Mrs. Annie M. Peyton, Chicago .....	President
Mrs. C. O. Lewis, Cairo .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. Mittie Foulks, Champaign .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Emma Waldon, Danville .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. P. F. Denley, Jacksonville .....	Fourth Vice-President
Miss L. Pettis, Chicago .....	Fifth Vice-President
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Jennie Smith, Bloomington .....	Assistant Secretary
Miss Clara Webster, .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Julia Duncan, Springfield .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Julia Gibson, Peoria .....	Chairman Ways and Means Comm.
Mrs. Eva Monroe, Springfield .....	Chairman Executive Board
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Miss Minnie Hunter, Alton .....	Editor

### Officers—1908-1909

Mrs. C. B. Knight, Alton .....	Chairman Social Improvement
Mrs. T. G. Macon, Chicago .....	Organizer
Mrs. William Fields, Cairo .....	Editor
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Mrs. Mary Clark, Jacksonville .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. Ella Stanford, Peoria .....	Second Vice-President
Mary DePugh, Evanston .....	Third Vice-President
E. Early, Chicago .....	Fourth Vice-President
J. B. Bennett, DuQuoin .....	Fifth Vice-President
Miss Jennie Smith, Bloomington .....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Annie Buler, Danville .....	Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Ella Berry, Chicago .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Carrie Cathey, Danville .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Julia Gibson, Peoria .....	Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Maggie Mallory, Jacksonville .....	Chairman Ways and Means Comm.

## Officers—1909-1910

Mrs. Eva Munroe, Springfield .....	President
Mrs. Ella Stanford, Peoria .....	First Vice President
Mrs. Charlotte Pearson, Chicago .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Emma S. Kennedy, Chicago .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. Etta Simms, Monmouth .....	Fourth Vice-President
Mrfs. Aliee Thompson, Moline .....	Fifth Vice-President
Mrs. Annie Buler, Danville .....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Tillia Tashley, Bloomington .....	Second Recording Secretary
Mrs. Louise Lafayette, Jacksonville .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Carrie Cathey, Danville .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Julia Gibson, Peoria .....	Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Maggie Mallory, Jacksonville ...	Chairman Way and Means Comm.
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Mrs. T. G. Macon, Chicago .....	Organizer
Mrs. Ella Berry, Chicago .....	Editor

## Officers—1910-1911

Mrs. E. L. Davis, Chicago .....	President
Mrs. S. B. Jones, East Saint Louis .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. May Nail, Manmouth .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Susan B. Allen, Galesburg .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. Della Harrie, Jacksonville .....	Fourth Vice-President
Mrs. Altheda Moore, Rock Island .....	Fifth Vice-President
Mrs. A. L. Anderson, DuQuoin .....	Recording Secretary
Miss Fannie Borhue, Alton .....	Second Recording Secretary
Mrs. Collet-Kennie, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, .....	Corresponding Secretary
Miss Rosie Hunter, Springfield .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Sarah Shepherd, Peoria .....	Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Emma S. Kennedy Chicago .....	Chairman Ways and Means
Mrs. Ida D. Lewis, Chicago .....	Organizer
Mrs. Eva Jenifer, Chicago .....	Chairman Social Improvement
Mrs. Julia Gibson, Peoria .....	Statistician
Mrs. Fannie Hall Clint, Chicago .....	Editor

## Officers—1911-1912

Elizabeth L. Davis, Chicago .....	President
Sarah B. Jones, East Sant Louis .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. Sarah Niel, Monmouth .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Susan Allen, Galesburg .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. Della Harris, Jacksonville .....	Fourth Vice-President

Mrs. Altheda Moore, Rock Island .....	Fifth Vice-President
Mrs. A. L. Anderson, DuQuoin .....	Recording Secretary
Miss Fannie Borlum, Alton .....	Second Recording Secretary
Mrs. Collett Kinner, Milwaukee, Wis .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Rosie Hunter, Springfield .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Emma S. Kennedy, Chicago .....	Chairman Way and Means
Mrs. S. C. Shepherd, .....	Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Eva Jenifer, Chicago .....	Chairman Social Improvement Com.
Mrs. Fannie Hall Clint Chicago .....	Editor

#### Officers—1912-1913

Mrs. Ida D. Lewis, Chicago .....	President
Mrs. Altheda Moore, Rock Island .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. Mary Neil, Monmouth .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Azalia Taylor, Danville .....	Third Vice-President
Violet Newsome, Macomb .....	Fifth Vice-President
Mrs. Emma S. Kennedy, Chicago .....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Daisy Lash, Monmouth .....	Second Recording Secretary
Mrs. Mary Waring, Chicago .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Rose Hunter, Springfield .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Julia Duncan, Springfield .....	Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Belle Taylor, Rock Island .....	Chairman Ways and Means
Mrs. Sarah Shepherd, Peoria .....	Organizer
Mrs. Julia Gibson, Peoria .....	Statistician
Mrs. Hattie Hudln Turner, Chicago .....	Editor

#### Officers Elected

Theresa G. Macon .....	3 years
Elizabeth L. Davis .....	3 years
Eva Monroe .....	3 years
Mrs. Sadie Cooper .....	2 years
Mrs. Nora Taylor .....	2 years
Mrs. Fannie Emanuel .....	1 year
Mrs. Cordelia West .....	1 year

#### Officers—1913-1914

Mrs. Ida Lewis, Chicago .....	President
Mrs. Altheda Moore, Rock Island .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. Ella Groff, Monmouth .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Azalia Taylor, Danville .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. Lillian Reed, Peoria .....	Fourth Vice-President
Mrs. Ella Woods, Moline .....	Fifth Vice-President



Mrs. Emma S. Kennedy, Chicago .....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Daisy Lash, Monmouth .....	Second Recording Secretary
Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton, Springfield .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. T. G. Macon, Chicago .....	Fraternal Secretary
Mrs. Julia Gibson, Peoria .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Mary F. Waring, Chicago .....	Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Belle Taylor, Rock Island .....	Chairman Ways and Means
Mrs. Sarah Shepherd, Peoria .....	Organizer
Mrs. Eva Solomon, Galesburg .....	Statistician
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#### Officers 1914-1915

Mrs. T. G. Macon, Chicago .....	President
Mrs. Sarah Shepherd, Peoria .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. Ella Woods, Moline .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. A. L. Anderson, DuQuoin .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. Bessie Kelley, Milwaukee, Wis .....	Fourth Vice-President
Mrs. Mary Gostin, Joliet .....	Fifth Vice-President
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Mrs. Adah Davis, Galesburg .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Infelice Thompson, Champaign .....	Second Recording Secretary
Mrs. Lulu B. Shreyes, Chicago .....	Fraternal Secretary
Mrs. Julia Gibson, Peoria .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Lillian Jamieson, Champaign .....	Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Etta Simons, Monmouth .....	Chairman Ways and Means
Mrs. Cordelia West, Chicago .....	Organizer
Mrs. Eva Solomon, Galesburg .....	Statistician
Mrs. J. S. Porter, Chicago .....	Editor
Mrs. Julia Duncan, Springfield .....	Chaplain

#### Officers—1915-1916

Mrs. T. G. Macon, Chicago .....	President
Mrs. Sarah Shepherd, Peoria .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. Ella Woods, Moline .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. A. L. Anderson, DuQuoin .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. Bessie Kelley, Milwaukee, Wis .....	Fourth Vice-President
Mrs. Mary Gaston, Joliet .....	Fifth Vice-President
Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton, Springfield .....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Infelice Thompson, Champaign .....	Second Recording Secretary
Mrs. Adah Davis, Galesburg .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Julia Gibson, Peoria .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Lillian Jamieson, Champaign .....	Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Etta Simons, Monmouth .....	Chairman Ways and Means
Mrs. Cordelia West, Chicago .....	Organizer

Mrs. Regina Houston .....	Statistician
Mrs. J. S. Porter .....	Editor
Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, Springfield .....	Chaplain
Mrs. Ella Berry, Chicago .....	Parliamentarian

#### Officers—1916-1917

Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton, Springfield .....	President
Mrs. Ella Woods, Moline .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. A. L. Anderson, DuQuoin .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Rebecca Logan, Milwaukee, Wis .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. Mary Donnelly, Rockford .....	Fourth Vice-President
Mrs. Carrie Drewing, .....	Fifth Vice-President
Mrs. Hattie Wells, Champaign .....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Susie Wallace, Springfield .....	Second Recording Secretary
Mrs. Frances Morton, Aurora .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Anna Gillis, Alton .....	Fraternal Secretary
Mrs. Mary F. Waring, Chicago .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Fannie Turner, Chicago .....	Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Gertrude Davis, Chicago .....	Chairman Ways and Means
Mrs. Ella Stone .....	Vice Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Lillian Jamieson, Champaign .....	Organizer
Mrs. Regina Houston .....	Statistician
Mrs. M. Watkins, Galesburg .....	Editor
Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, Springfield .....	Chaplain
Mrs. Ella G. Berry, Chicago .....	Parliamentarian

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#### Officers—1917-1918

Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton, Mounds .....	President
Mrs. A. L. Henderson, DuQuoin .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. Rebecca Logan, Milwaukee, Wis .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Fannie Turner, Chicago .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. Annie B. Dorsey, Lovejoy .....	Fourth Vice-President
Mrs. Milinda Smith, Bloomington .....	Fifth Vice-President
Mrs. Carrie Horton, Chicago .....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Susie Wallace, Springfield .....	Second Recording Secretary
Mrs. Frances Morton, Aurora .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Altheda Moore, Rock Island .....	Fraternal Secretary
Mrs. Adah Davis, Galesburg .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Musadora Anderson, Chicago .....	Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Ella Stone, Danville .....	Vice Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Fannie Mason, Chicago .....	Chairman Way and Means
Mrs. Lillian Jamieson, Peoria .....	Organizer
Mrs. Lucy Webster, Chicago .....	Statistician
Mrs. Mignon Watkins, Galesburg .....	Editor

Mrs. Lola Y. Downs, Evanston .....	Chaplain
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### Officers—1918-1919

Mrs. Lillian Jamieson, Peoria .....	President
Mrs. Fannie Turner, Chicago .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. Annie Dorsey, Lovejoy .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Margaret Wyche, Bloomington .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. Ollie Price, Springfield .....	Fourth Vice-President
Mrs. Fannie Mason, Chicago .....	Fifth Vice-President
Mrs. Carrie Horton, Chicago .....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Ethel Cleaves, Chicago .....	Second Recording Secretary
Mrs. Elvie Stewart, Chicago .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Luella Barksdale, Springfield .....	Fraternal Secretary
Mrs. Adah Davis, Galesburg .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Musadora Anderson, Chicago .....	Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Sallie McDaniels, Jacksonville .....	Vice Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Luella K. Taylor, Decatur .....	Chairman Ways and Means
Mrs. A. L. Anderson, DuQuoin .....	Organizer
Mrs. Mary F. Waring, Chicago .....	Statistician
Mrs. Mary Windsor, Rock Island .....	Editor
Mrs. Lola Davis, Evanston .....	Chaplain
Mrs. Cordelia West, Chicago .....	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, .....	Historian

### Officers—1919-1920

Mrs. Lillian Jamieson, Peoria .....	President
Mrs. Fannie Turner, Chicago .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. Annie B. Dorsey, Lovejoy .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Margaret Wyche, Bloomington .....	Third Vice-President
Mrs. Ollie Price, Springfield .....	Fourth Vice-President
Mrs. Fannie Mason, Chicago .....	Fifth Vice-President
Mrs. Ethel M. Cleaves, Chicago .....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Minnie Roach, Chicago .....	Second Recording Secretary
Mrs. Elvie Stewart, Chicago .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Blanche Mallory, Jacksonville .....	Fraternal Secretary
Mrs. Adah Davis, Galesburg .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Sallie McDaniels, Jacksonville .....	Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Clara Johnson, Chicago .....	Vice Chairman Executive Board
Mrs. Luella K. L. Taylor, Decatur .....	Chairman Ways and Means
Mrs. A. L. Anderson, DuQuoin .....	Organizer
Mrs. Mary F. Waring, Chicago .....	Statistician

Mrs. Corinne Greene, Champaign ..... Editor

### Officers—1920-1921

Miss Edith Stewart, Moline ..... First Vice-President  
Mrs. Irene Goins, Chicago ..... Second Vice-President  
Mrs. Ida Muse, Jacksonville ..... Third Vice-President  
Mrs. Kempie Gibson, Rock Island ..... Fourth Vice-President  
Mrs. Mattie Walker, Springfield ..... Fifth Vice-President  
Mrs. Minnie Roach, Chicago ..... Recording Secretary  
Mrs. Mary N. Brown, Monmouth ..... Assistant Secretary  
Miss Daisy Renfree, Carbondale ..... Corresponding Secretary  
Mrs. Lina Henry, Peoria ..... Fraternal Secretary  
Mrs. Adah Davis, Galesburg ..... Treasurer  
Mrs. Clara Johnson, Chicago ..... Chairman Executive Board  
Mrs. Cordelia Brown, Canton ..... Vice-Chairman  
Mrs. Eva Solomon, Galesburg ..... Chairman Ways and Means  
Mrs. Elvie Stewart, Chicago ..... State Organizer  
Mrs. Victor Thomas, Bloomington ..... Statistician  
Mrs. Mary DePugh, Evanston ..... Editor  
Mrs. Arzalia Taylor, Danville ..... Chaplain  
Mrs. Anna B. Dorsey, Lovejoy ..... Parliamentarian  
Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, Chicago ..... Historian

### Officers—1921-1922

Mrs. Anne Laurie Anderson, DuQuoin ..... President  
Mrs. Edith Stewart, Moline ..... First Vice-President  
Mrs. Irene Goins, Chicago ..... Second Vice-President  
Mrs. Emma Thompson, Carbondale ..... Third Vice-President  
Mrs. Adelia M. Ross, Rockford ..... Fourth Vice-President  
Mrs. Elizabeth Crawley, Chicago ..... Fifth Vice-President  
Mrs. Minnie Roach, Chicago ..... Recording Secretary  
Miss Susie Wallace, Springfield ..... Assistant Secretary  
Miss Daisy Renfree, Carbondale ..... Corresponding Secretary  
Mrs. Lina Henry, Peoria ..... Fraternal Secretary  
Mrs. Frances Morton, Aurora ..... Treasurer  
Mrs. Clara Johnson, Chicago ..... Chairman Executive Board  
Mrs. Adah Davis, Galesburg ..... Vice-Chairman  
Mrs. Eva Stewart, Chicago ..... State Organizer  
Miss Sarah Clark, Mounds ..... Statistician  
Mrs. Sarah B. Jones, Alton ..... Editor  
Mrs. Melinda Smith, Bloomington ..... Chaplain  
Mrs. Anna B. Dorsey, Lovejoy ..... Parliamentarian  
Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, Chicago ..... Historian

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

We, the Colored Women of the State of Illinois, feeling the need of organized efforts, and intending to furnish evidence of intellectual and moral progress made by our people, do hereby unite in a State Federation.

### ARTICLE I—Name

The name of this organization shall be Illinois Federation of Colored Woman's Clubs.

### ARTICLE II—Object

Section 1. To unite the women's clubs of the State and jurisdiction.

Section 2. To encourage the organization of clubs where such organizations do not exist, and where the helpfulness of women's club is needed.

Section 3. To aid the club in becoming more thoroughly acquainted with the various kinds of work that properly comes within the scope of women's clubs.

Section 4. To pledge to the cause of education, the integrity of the home, the interest and support of the best women of every community.

### ARTICLE III—Duties

Section 1. The State President shall preside at all conventions of State Federation; enforce order and decorum; decide all questions of order without debate, subject, however, to an appeal to the State Federation. She shall call the Vice-President to the chair during the discussion of any question before the Federation on which she may desire to speak. She shall at each annual convention present her annual report in writing.

Section 2. The Secretary shall have charge of the records, books, and papers, and keep an accurate account of proceedings, keep correctly an account of all club reports and moneys. At each annual convention present her annual report in writing, and the condition of the Federation. She shall receive all the money due the State Federation, and pay the same over without delay to the State Treasurer, taking her receipt for the same, and keep an exact and true account of the same, draw all vouchers on the State Treasurer for such monies as may be ordered by the Federation. She shall present a report of all financial transactions at the annual convention.

Section 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall read and answer all communications, letters, telegrams, etc., and send out credentials and blanks to clubs.

Section 4. The State Treasurer shall pay all vouchers ordered drawn by the President, when the same have been properly attested by the Financial Secretary and signed by the President. She shall keep all accounts in a proper manner, exhibiting the source and the amount



of the receipt and purposes and amounts of disbursements; give a statement of her office and exhibit a certified check at the annual convention or whatever required to do so by the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

Section 5. The Chairman of the Executive Board shall issue the call for the Annual Convention at least 30 days before the time for meeting. She shall preside at the executive meetings and co-operate with the President, during a recess of the Federation in all matters pertaining to the good of the Federation and the uplift of humanity.

Section 6. The State President and four State Officers with representatives of nine different clubs in good standing shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board. In an emergency the Chairman of the Executive Board shall give ten day's notice to each club for a call of the Executive Meeting.

Section 7. Should a vacancy occur in any office during the recess of the Federation by reason of death, resignation, removal from the Jurisdiction or otherwise, it shall be filled by the State President, whose appointee shall serve for the balance of the term as prescribed by law. Should a vacancy occur in the Presidency, the next ranking Vice-President shall immediately succeed to the office of President and the power of said office shall devolve upon her.

#### ARTICLE IV

Section 1. All women's clubs organized for work in harmony with the purpose of this Federation holding regular meetings and having a membership of not less than ten, and not organized for social purposes only, shall be eligible to membership in this Federation.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be made to State Organizer on blanks furnished by the Federation, with an admission fee of two (\$2.00) dollars.

Section 3. Any financial club woman upon the payment of five (\$5.00) dollars may become a life woman in the Federation, the membership to be retained as long as she is a financial member in a local club, said member to have all privileges as a regular elected delegate.

Section 4. Any city or district Federation with a membership of ten clubs or more shall be eligible to membership in the State Federation upon the payment of a regular admission fee of two (\$2.00) dollars, and entitled to one delegate for every ten clubs.

Section 5. All clubs must make annual reports on report blanks furnished by Federation.

Section 6. All Past Presidents, State Organizers Secretaries, Chairman of Executives Boards, Chairman of Ways and Means, and Treasurers, who still hold membership in a local club shall be entitled to a voice and vote in the Federation.

Section 7. The majority of votes cast by delegates present

necessary to election.

Section 8. The delegates to National Association shall be President, 1st delegates; State Organizer, 2nd delegate; Alternate to 1st delegate, 1st Vice-President; Alternate to 2nd delegate, Chairman of Executive Board; and a delegate for every ten clubs thereafter.

#### ARTICLE V—Dues

Section 1. The admission of two (\$2.00) dollars paid by each club to the Recording Secretary upon application for membership shall be in lieu of dues for the current Federation year.

But an annual due of ten cents per capita for number of members reported shall be payable on or before the annual meeting of each year.

Section 2. Any club not paying its dues after two notifications of delinquency have been sent, shall at the end of the year be dropped from the membership in the Federation.

Section 3. Any club wishing to be reinstated shall pay up all indebtedness. Prior to opening of annual meeting, Corresponding Secretary shall notify all delinquent clubs of their indebtedness.

#### ARTICLE VI—Representation

Section 1. There shall be allowed one representatives for every ten members and a fraction thereof over five.

Section 2. All delegates and alternates to the annual meeting shall be elected by their respective clubs and their credentials forwarded to Recording Secretary at least five days before the annual meeting. Recording Secretary to turn said credentials over to Chairman of Credentials Committee.

Section 3. The votes to be cast by the delegates present. Chairman of Standing Committees.

#### ARTICLE VII

Section 1. The officers of the Federation shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, two Recording Secretaries, a Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of Executive Board, Vice-Chairman of Executive Board, Parliamentarian, Charman of Ways and Means, State Organizer, Editor and Statistician, Fraternal Secretary, Chaplain and Historian. Their duties shall be as usually pertain to respective offices.

Section 2. Officers of the Federation shall be elected on Thursday of the annual meeting at 10:30 a. m., by written ballot of the officers of the Federation and delegates representing clubs which have paid their dues for the ensuing year. Before balloting the roll shall be called by the Recording Secretary. In answering to the roll, delegates shall state whether the annual dues have been paid. Majority votes cast shall be necessary to choice.

Section 3. Officers shall hold office for one year, and until the adjournment of the meeting at which the election is held.

Section 4. Officers shall be eligible for only two successive terms in the same office.

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Section 5. A nomination committee shall be appointed by the President.

Section 6. The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers of the Federation, the President and one other delegate from each local club and the Chairman of all standing committees, Past President, Past State Organizer, Past Chairman of Executive Boards, Past Secretary, Past Chairman Ways and Means and Treasurer.

Section 7. Standing committees shall be Arts and Crafts, Book and Magazines, Child Welfare, Credentials, Forestry, Juvenile Court, Music, Press, Program, Religion, Social Improvement, Social Hygiene, Transportation, Ways and Means, Civic Temperance, Pioneer Worker's Fund, Racial History, Education, Printing, Legislation, Advisory, Monrovia Mission Fund and Mother's Department.

#### ARTICLE VIII—Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Federation shall be held on the day previous to the annual meeting and at the call of the Chairman of said Board. Fifteen shall consist a quorum.

Section 3. To secure suitable arrangements for each annual meeting a local committee from the place of the meeting shall be chosen to act with Executive Board in arranging for the conduct and interest of the meeting.

Section 4. The Chairman of any committee will not transact any business without first consulting each member of her committee.

Section 5. Bids for printing of proceedings shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Printing Committee for final decisions, and minutes to be turned over to the Recording Secretary after being printed, for distribution and sold for 10 cents per copy. Proceedings to be printed 90 days after annual convention.

#### ARTICLE IX

Section 1. There shall be no salaried officers, but proper allowances may be made for all necessary expenses such as stationery and circular communications. The railroad fare of the following officers shall be paid to and from annual meeting: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of Executive Board, Chairman of Ways and Means, State Organizer and Corresponding Secretary.

#### ARTICLE X

Section 1. Resolutions relating to the policy of the Federation shall be referred to the Executive Board for consideration before action is taken.

Section 2. All past officers shall turn over to the newly elected officers all property belonging to their respective offices immediately after the session. Recorder shall record and complete proceedings of session before delivering property to the new recorder.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall be required to furnish bond for not less than three hundred (\$300.00) dollars. Federation shall pay

for the execution of said bond.

Section 4. Outgoing Secretary shall furnish the President of the Federation with a list of all clubs in the Federation, with names and addresses of Presidents and Secretaries.

#### ARTICLE XI

In the conduct of meetings, Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority of parliamentary procedure.

#### ARTICLE XII

Constitution may be amended at annual meeting by two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote. Proposed amendments shall be submitted for approval to the Executive Board and if approved notice of will be appended to the call of the annual meeting.

#### CHRONOLOGICAL RECORDS

1899. October, Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs organized at the Institutional Church, Chicago, Illinois.
1900. November 21st, First meeting held at the Institutional Church, Chicago, Illinois.
1901. Federation affiliated with the N. A. C. W. at Buffalo, the first State Federation to join the National.
- Mrs. Agnes Moody elected Vice-President and Mrs. E. L. Davis, elected Organizer of the N. A. C. W.
- Mrs. Newman, president of the 14th Congressional District addressed the federation.
- Mayer Warner of Peoria, delivered the address of welcome at opening session.
- Among the distinguished visitors were: Mesdames Clara Bowman, M. E. Foster and J. E. Frazier of the Jewish Circle and Miss Cornelia Bowen of Mt. Meigs, Ala., the founder of a Boy's Reformatory in that city.
- W. H. A. Moore, prominent poet and writer of Chicago, read an illuminating paper on "Uncle Tom's Cabin".
1902. Met in the Senate Chamber of the State Capital at Springfield. A large delegation of Sangman county teachers was introduced. Greetings were received from the Michigan Federation.
1903. Met at Evanston, entertained by the Julia Gaston Club, one of the "Original Seven". The following named distinguished visitors were present: Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Lucy Thurman, mother and sister of Bishop S. S. Smith, Detroit, Mich., Mr. Peter Lucky of South America, the Hon. Fred L. McGee of St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. Emma Bradley of Philadelphia, Mrs. M. Coy, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Boone, Rev. Harris, Rev. R. Ranson and Harry Thompson of Chicago, the Misses Ger-

trude and Mattie Fisher of Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Florence Lindsay and Mrs. Booth of Ohio.

Letter of greeting received from Mrs. Josephine Silone Yates, of Kansas City, Mo., expressing regret at her inability to be present.

1904. Met at Jacksonville. Unveiling of monument in memory of Mrs. Mary Jane Jackson, first president of the Federation. Distinguished visitors were: Mrs. Lambert, vice-president of the Illinois Federation of Woman's Clubs (white) ,who addressed the meeting. Drs. Short and Rogers.

Large delegation attended the N. A. C. W. convention at St. Louis.

- 1905 Met at Quincy. Many visitors were present among whom may be mentioned Mrs. Covington of New Mexico and Editor Thompson of the Des Moines, Iowa, "Bstander".

1906. Met at Danville. Welcomed by Mayor Lewman. Delegates visited the Old Soldiers' Home in a body.

1907. Champaign, Mrs. Daisy Walker, founder of a Home for working girls at Indianapolis, Ind., introduced.

Petitioned President Theodore Roosevelt to stop lynching. Committee recommended that a annual contribution be given to the following home; Chicago Home for Aged and Infirm; Yates Hospital, Cairo; Phyllis Wheatley, Chicago; Old Folks and Orphans, Sprngifield; Amanda Smith Orphan, Harvey and the Institutional Church Nursery, Chicago.

1908. Bloomington. Letter of greeting from Miss Elizabeth Carter of New Bedford, Mass., president of the N. A. C. W.

Use of colored dolls recommended.

Mrs. Annie Peyton, Chicago, elected Corresponding Secretary of the N. A. C. W. convention at Brooklyn. Visitors were: Mr. Thos. Swan of Chicago and Mrs. Craddock, State Editor of the "Forum."

1909. Chicago. Address of welcome delivered by Major Franklin A. Dennison, representing Mayor Busse.

Miss Elizabeth Carter, National President, introduced by Prof. R. T. Greener, former U. S. Consul to Vladivostok, Siberia. Reading of colored periodicals recommended.

Mrs. Celia Parker Wooley, founder of the Frederick Douglass Center; Mrs. McDonald, founder of the Golden Rule Settlement; Mrs. Mathews of the Collegian Institute of Alabama and Mrs. Susan Lawrence Dana of Springfield, were introduced to the Federation.

1910. Peoria. Welcomed by Mayor Warner. Greetings received from Mrs. Preston, president of the Michigan Federation. Resolution passed to suitably mark the grave of Mrs. Agnes



Moody at Oakwood Cemetery, Chicago.  
Judge Clemmons of the Juvenile Court of Peoria, and Mrs. Clara T. Bourland of Woman's Club (white) present at the convention.

1911. Monmouth. Welcomed by Mayor W. I. Moore. Madam Par-ttee of the Monmouth Woman's Club, introduced. A Juvenile Department to the Federation was recommended.  
Letter sent to the Governor of Oklahoma commending him for an act of clemency to a Negro boy.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was endorsed.

1912. Rock Island. Report received of N. A. C. W. meeting at Hampton Institute.

Chicago club women attended a reception to Mrs. Booker T. Washington, President of the N. A. C. W. at the Frederick Douglass Center.

Rock Island. Address of welcome delivered by Mayor H. Schriver. The home for dependent girls founded by Mrs. Ida D. Lewis, president of the West Side Woman's Club of Chicago, endorsed.

Mrs. S. D. Brown, representing the "Crisis" and Mrs. Genevieve Coleman, representing the "Fellowship Herald", published at Chicago, urged the women to support both publications.

Rev. Eleanor Gordon addressed the Federation on "Why Women Should Vote."

"Mother Hudlun," one of the oldest club members in the State, was the honored guest of the Federation.

Greetings from California and Boston, Mass., were brought by Miss Marie Simpson and Miss G. W. O'Neil, respectively. Demonstrations in the use of "Fireless Cooker" and "Paper Bag" cooking were given by Mrs. Hester Ralls, President of "Koffee Klutch", Chicago.

First Statistical Report prepared by Mrs. Julia Lindsay Gibson of Peoria.

1913. Springfield. Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, incorporated. Mrs. Sadie Cooper, Chairman of the committee. Mr. Chas. Clapp, representing the Mayor, delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the City.

Colored Matron recommended for colored girls at Geneva and a committee appointed to visit the school.

Mrs. Blanche Charleston, president of the Minnesota Federa-

tion, Mrs. Williams, Butte, Mon., Mrs. Jeffries and Mr. Moreland, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. were introduced. Greetings were received from Mrs. Susan Lawrence Joergen Dahl. The Illinois Commission on the Half Century of Negro Freedom Centennial, composed of Bishop Samuel Fallows, president, Mrs. Susan Lawrence Joergen Dahl, vice-president, Thomas Wallace Swan, Secretary, Major Geo. W. Ford, treasurer, Hon. John Dailey of Peoria and Senator T. T. Allain, was introduced to and endorsed by the Federation. Lincoln Manual Training School endorsed.

Letters of protest sent to each Representative and Senator in Congress, concerning the alarming increase in discrimination. Federation adjourned to accept an invitation to visit the beautiful home of Mrs. Dahl.

November 18th, Mrs. Ida D. Lewis, president of the State Federation passed away.

1914. Moline. A communication received from the North-Eastern Federation, Miss Elizabeth of New Bedford, Mass., president, asking the Illinois Federation to join with them in boycotting all firms and manufactured goods handled by prejudiced dealers.

Address of welcome delivered by the Mayor. Monument erected to the memory of Mrs. Ida D. Lewis.

A committee appointed to co-operate with the Illinois Commission on the Half Century of Negro Freedom.

Organization of the North-Western Federation recommended. Prominent visitors were: Mr. Alfred Molief of South Africa and several others.

1915. Champaign. North-Western Federation Organized. Mrs. Minnie Scott, president of the Ohio Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, a visitor.

Recommendation made that the Federation appoint a committee to appeal to the State Legislature for an appropriation to build suitable housing quarters for girls who had become wards of the State.

Dr. Mary F. Waring endorsed as a member of the Illinois Commission on the Half Century of Negro Freedom Centennial. Volume of poems written by Miss Bettiola Fortson, a young club woman of Chicago, endorsed.

1916. Chicago. Alderman Louis B. Anderson delivered address of welcome on behalf of the City.

Mr. Harmon urged that the women watch the changes to be made in the Constitution of the State.

The Monrovia Mission a memorial to the colored of America

which had been endorsed by the Federation, was reported as being finally under construction.

A telegram sent to the President of the U. S. asking his protection of the soldiers involved in the Houston riot until an investigation could be made. A protest against the East St. Louis riot was sent to the Governor of Illinois and the President.

Recommendation made that the departments of Temperance and Child Welfare be particularly encouraged in every club in the State.

National prohibition endorsed.

1918. Bloomington. Mr. R. M. O'Connell representative of the Mayor, delivered the address of welcome.

Dr. Mary Waring was appointed trustee of the Douglass Home. Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, president of the N. A. C. W. reported at the Denver meeting that colored women had subscribed over \$5,000,000 to Liberty Bonds.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis appointed as Historian to write the story of the Illinois Federation.

Recommendation made that the Illinois Federation be represented in the Educational Congress at Springfield.

\$25.00 donated to the Trustee Board of the Frederick Douglass Home Memorial Fund.

Recommendation made that a short intensive course in military training for boys and girls be made available.

1919. Jacksonville. Dr. Kennebrew's New Home Sanitarium visited by member of the Federation. Mother's Department created. Bureau of Intelligence created to preserve clippings from newspapers, of articles of race interest. Work of the War Camp Community Service endorsed. Committee appointed to confer with prominent colored men concerning the needs and conditions of the race.

Committee appointed to go to the proper officials to urge the appointment of a Colored Home Visitor in the department of State Welfare.

Recommendation made that heads of departments send a letter once a year to all the clubs, outlining the work to be done in each department.

1920. Galesburg. Address of welcome delivered by Mayor Henry Hawkins.

Mrs. Mae C. Green, Mrs. Eliza Logan, Mrs. Margaret Wyche and Mrs. Arzalia Taylor enrolled as the first life members of the Federation.

A handsome flag presented to the Federation by the local G.

A. R. Prof. Zimmerman, a composer of Music, presented to the Federation.

Miss Daisy Renfro, a talented young woman of Carbondale read an original poem.

Mrs. Elnora Gresham, president of the Iowa State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, a visitor.

Every mother present, led by Mrs. Julia Duncan, the originator of the idea, joined hands to form a circle, the "Mothers' Chain" and repeated an appropriate verse.

Prompt registration of the birth of all babies was urged. Committee appointed to visit all State prisons. Recommendation made that all clubs urge their members to read race literature.

1921. Federation affiliated with the State League of Women Voters. Carbondale. Mr. T. B. F. Smith, representing the Mayor, delivered the address of welcome.

Resolution passed denouncing immodest dressing and unchaperoned girls in the "Movies" and other public places.

Corresponding Secretary of the Federation to send a letter of greeting to the Woman's Republican League at Kansas City, Mo., and to request information concerning the organization.

School Lunch demonstration given by Miss Vivian Clarkson of Carbondale, a domestic teacher at Tuskegee Institute.

The Australian Secret Ballot adopted and used for the first time in the election of officers.

Mrs. Easterly, president of the Carbondale Woman's Club (white) and her sister Dr. Colwell, of the Illinois Woman's Voters League gave helpful talks on "Vital Points Pertaining to Politics in Regards to Women".

Recommendation made by the Civics department and adopted, that all clubs establish citizenship classes and organize community and recreation centers.

Resolution adopted urging the organization in every community of committees on inter-racial relations.

A student's scholarship fund established. Federation endorsed the planting of trees in memory of our heroes who fell on the battle-fields of France.

1922. Meeting to be held at Danville. A large delegation from Illinois to attend the N. A. C. W. biennial at Richmond, Va.

Delegates to N. A. C. W. to attend the dedication of the Frederick Douglass Home, owned by the National, at Washington, D. C., on August 12th.

The names of more than a score of Illinois Clubs and individuals are inscribed on a bronze tablet to be unveiled at this

dedication.

### THE CLUB WOMAN'S PRAYER.

Keep us O God, from pettiness, let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away pretense and meet each other face to face without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulse, straight forward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are one.

And may we strive to touch and know the great common woman's heart of us all, and O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

### FEDERATION ODE

Written by Katherine D. Tillman

Music by George D. Faulkner

Father in Heaven, we thank Thee  
That thus we meet  
And in our State Federation  
Our sisters' faces greet.

### CHORUS:

We women of Illinois  
From now throughout all time  
Have caught the inspiration  
Of lifting as we climb.

Lifting as we climb  
Lifting as we climb  
We women of Illinois  
Are lifting as we climb.

We have tried to carry sunshine  
Unto the sad and weak  
And for those defenseless  
A good strong word to speak.



The old, the young, the erring,  
Alike have known our care,  
With hearts and hands o'eladed  
Our every good to share.

And now we ask Thy blessing.  
For all we've tried to do,  
Cement our hearts in friendship,  
Keep us to duty true!

### FEDERATED CLUBS' SONG

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By Mary Fitzbutler Waring  
Tune: "Baby Mine"

When there's work that must be done,  
    Illinois, Illinois,  
When there's a cause that must be won,  
    Illinois, Illinois,  
To the women's clubs we go,  
Where love and charity overflow,  
And they never answer "No".  
    Illinois, Illinois,  
And they never answer "No", Illinois.  
We must work with utmost zeal,  
    Illinois, Illinois,  
As we have a boundless field,  
    Illinois, Illinois,  
Of things much needed, here,  
Of work to be done, here,  
And of cries from Everywhere,  
    Illinois, Illinois,  
And of cries from everywhere, Illinois.  
To our God who reigns above  
    Illinois, Illinois,  
We give honor, praise and love.  
    Illinois, Illinois,  
For the women of our land,  
Who for good and wisdom stand,  
In one grand, united band,  
    Illinois, Illinois,  
In one grand, united band, Illinois.

## LITERATURE

Federation songs have been written and composed by Katherine D. Tillman, Chicago, set to music by Maggie Mahory, Jacksonville and Mary F. Waring, Chicago, music written by Georgia DeBaptist, Chicago.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

These have passed through the veil, and have entered into the presence of their King:

1901—

Mrs. Mary J. Jackson, First President, Jacksonville.

1902—

Mrs. Laura Greene, Phyllis Wheatley Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Maggie Trice, G. O. P. Club, Chicago.

1903—

Mrs. Agnes Moody, Civic League, Chicago.

Mrs. Annie Baker, Civic League, Chicago.

Mrs. Anna Jackson, Civic League, Chicago.

Mrs. Sallie Emmick, Cornell Charity, Chicago.

Mrs. Rosa Darnell, G. O. P., Chicago.

Mrs. Mamie Richardson, Woman's Aid, Peoria.

Mrs. Emma Haynes, Woman's Aid, Peoria.

Mrs. Prude Peck, Springfield Club.

1904—

Mrs. Nora Vires, Woman's Club, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Henrietta Barnes, Woman's Aid, Peoria.

Mrs. Ruth Batts, Woman's Aid, Peoria.

1905—

Mrs. Maltamore, Mother's Union, Chicago.

Mrs. Randolph, Mother's Union, Chicago.

Mrs. Banks, Mother's Union, Chicago.

Mrs. Louisa Smith, North Side Woman's Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Fannie Covington, Woman's Club, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Phenella White, Woman's Loyal Legion, Quincy.

1906—

Mrs. Bass, Woman's Aid, Danville.

Mrs. Jackson, Champaign.

Mrs. Jones, Urbana.

Mrs. Catlin, Monmouth.

Mrs. Ford, Mother's Union, Chicago.

Mrs. Gill, Mother's Union, Chicago.

Mrs. Mollie Wilson, Mother's Union, Chicago.

Mrs. M. M. Ronndtree, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Rawlings, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Anna Gibbons Burns, Peoria.

1907—

Mrs. Transue, North Side Woman's Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Pope, Civic League, Chicago.

Miss Margaret Lee, Champaign and Urbana Club.

Miss Bolden, Champaign and Urbana Club.  
Mrs. Anna C. Parker, Springfield Woman's Club.  
Mrs. Grace Mallory, Wednesday Art Club, Jacksonville.  
Mrs. Femmoy, Colored Woman's Aid, Danville.

1908—

Mrs. Anna Harris, Springfield Woman's Club.  
Mrs. Hattie Hughes, Mary Church Terrell Club, Cairo.  
Miss Pearl Wise, Mary Church Terrell Club, Cairo.  
Mrs. Missouri McCreary, Woman's Club, Bloomington.  
Mrs. Avery Colored Woman's Club, Danville.  
Mrs. Carrie Vance, Woman's Club Danville.  
Mrs. Bass, Woman's Aid Club, Danville.

1909—

Mrs. Jane Gray, I. B. W. Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Lizzie Cooper, K. D. Tillman Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Ella Naylor, Springfield Woman's Club.  
Mrs. Alice Augustus, Cornell Charity Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Rosa Luens, Dearborn Center Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Mamie Taylor, Woman's Aid, Peoria.  
Mrs. Bell Bannister, Woman's Aid Club, Peoria.  
Mrs. Helen Murphy, Civic League, Chicago.  
Mrs. Lou Ellston, Phyllis Wheatley, Chicago.  
Mrs. Sarah Thomas, Woman's Aid, Danville.  
Mrs. Rosa Rummage, Mother's Union, Chicago.  
Mrs. Sallie Williams, Woman's Club, Jacksonville.

1910—

Mrs. Anna M. Peyton, ex-President, State Federation, Chicago.  
Mrs. Irene Camp, Cornell Charity Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Mamie Dunn, Cornell Charity Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Lucy Jenkins, H. Q. Brown, Club, Moline.  
Mrs. Laura Jones, Woman's Improvement Club, Milwaukee, Wis..  
Mrs. Laura Baxter, H. Q. Brown Club, DuQuoin.  
Mrs. Jennie E. Moore, H. Q. Brown Club, Chicago.

1911—

Mrs. Calloway, Woman's Aid, Peoria.  
Mrs. Evelyn Helms, Woman's Aid, Peoria  
Mrs. Mason, Chicago.  
Mrs. Anna Carroll, Woman's Civic League, Chicago.  
Mrs. Bell Thomas, Phyllis Wheatley, Chicago.  
Mrs. Mary Harris, Chicago.  
Mrs. Ruth Simons, Chicago.  
Mrs. Seames, Chicago.  
Miss Gertrude Payne, Monmouth.  
Mrs. Lula Richardson, Galesburg.

Mrs. Leona Outland, Springfield Woman's Club.  
Mrs. Ella Watson, Chicago.

1912—

Mrs. Charlotte Pearson, Phyllis Wheatley, Chicago.  
Mrs. Josephine Jordan, Phyllis Wheatley, Chicago.  
Mrs. Cora Barnes, Volunteer Workers, Chicago.  
Mrs. Fryerson, Union Charity, Chicago.  
Miss Leona Pole, Non Pareil Girl's Chicago.  
Mrs. Rosa E. Moore, Cornell Charity, Douglass Center, Chicago.  
Mrs. Julia Green, I. B. W. Chicago.  
Mrs. Townsend, Civic League, Chicago.  
Mrs. Martha Perkins, Civic League, Chicago.  
Mrs. Calloway, Civic League, Chicago.  
Mrs. Elenor F. Early, Civic League, Chicago.  
Mrs. Addie Tyler, Ideal Woman's Club Chicago.  
Mrs. Green, Ideal Woman's Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Molliard Wayman, Industrial Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Mary Casley, Woman's Improvement Club, Galesburg.  
Miss Nancy Brown, Phyllis Wheatley, Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Hattie Clay, Progressive Art Club, Rock Island.  
Mrs. Harriet Skinner, Agnes Moody Club, Monmouth.

1913—

Miss Hattie Merriweather, Dearborn Center, Chicago.  
Mrs. Jackie Smith, Dearborn Center, Chicago.  
Mrs. Coffen, Union Charity Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. E. T. Watts, I. B. W., Chicago.  
Mrs. Mary Baines, Hallie Q. Brown Club, Moline  
Mrs. Martha Reed, Woman's Aid Club, Peoria.  
Mrs. Effie Wheatley, Woman's Improvement Club, Milwaukee.  
Mrs. Jennie Scott, Fine Art Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Jennie Peyton, Fine Art Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Laura Jones, Fine Art Club, Chicago.

1914—

Mrs. Ida D. Lewis, ex-President, State Federation, Chicago.  
Mrs. Sallie Foreman, Eureka Fine Arts, Chicago.  
Mrs. Maggie Johnson, Woman's Aid, Peoria.  
Mrs. Lula Slaughter, Progressive Art, Rock Island.  
Mrs. Virginia Shaw, Phyllis Wheatley, Joliet.  
Mrs. Mary Richie, Julia Gaston Club, Evanston.  
Mrs. Minnie Mitchell, Phyllis Wheatley, Galesburg.  
Mrs. Julia Butler, Galesburg.

1915—

Mrs. Georgie Taylor, Cornell Charity Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Sallie Herron, I. B. W., Chicago.

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Mrs. Hattie Mitchell, Chicago.  
Mrs. Mollie Brown, K. D. Tillman, Chicago.  
Mrs. Ella Walkup, President Twin City Embroidery Club.  
Mrs. Lucretia Niehs, Big Sisters Club, Decatur.  
Mrs. Eva Raymond, Tri City Federation.  
Mrs. Cynthia Pierce, Home Economics, Champaign.  
Mrs. Morton, Woman's Aid, Peoria.  
Mrs. Edna Walton, Alpha Suffrage, Chicago.  
Mrs. Thalia S. Raglan, Phyllis Wheatley, Joliet.  
Mrs. Sallie Partie, Woman's Club, Danville.  
Mrs. Mamie Richardson, Galesburg.  
Mrs. Agnes Burres, Progressive Art, Rock Island.  
Mrs. Lonis Dove, Agnes Moody Club, Monmouth.  
Mrs. Nerandia Floyd, Agnes Moody, Monmouth.

1916—

Mrs. Lillian Amos, New Method Industrial Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Sarah Goldhand, West Side Woman's Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Tusa Burton, Eureka Fine Arts, Club.  
Mrs. Lulu L. Robinson, Eleanor Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Helen Collins, Cornell Charity, Chicago.  
Mrs. Florence Smith, Cornell No. 2, Chicago.  
Miss Jessie Maud Butler, Fidelis and Silver Leaf Clubs, Chicago.  
Mrs. J. A. Jones, Labor and Love, Chicago.  
Miss Alberta Francawat, East Side Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Agnes Pennington, Progressive Art, Rock Island.  
Miss Lillian Blue, West Side Ladies' Art, Jacksonville.  
Mrs. R. Tucker, Tri City Charitable Aid, Cairo.  
Mrs. F. Bates, Tri City Charitable Aid, Cairo.

1916—

Mrs. Beulah Thatcher Hall, Neighborhood Club, Cairo.  
Mrs. Jessie Jones, Neighborhood Club, Cairo.  
Mrs. Joanna Dent, Springfield Woman's Club.  
Mrs. Marie Fuqua, Phyllis Wheatley, Joliet.  
Mrs. Lena Suttles, Phyllis Wheatley, Joliet.  
Mrs. Ida Barton, Phyllis Wheatley, Aurora.

1917—

Mrs. Bell Grady Smith.  
Mrs. Lillian Dyer Settles.  
Mrs. Rose B. Ardwell.  
Mrs. Soula Mason, Hallie Q. Brown Club, DeQuion.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Burkshead, MaComb.  
Mrs. Jessie Wilson, West Side Womans Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Louise Foster, Cornell Charity Club, Chicago.  
Mrs. Clara Studemre, Chairman Board of Directors Phyllis

Wheatley Home. ....

Mrs. Jessie Taylor Johnson, Phyllis Wheatley Club, Chicago.

Miss Bettiola Forston, Mental Pearls Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Susan Davis, Springfield's Woman's Club.

Mrs. Kate Smith, Sojourner Truth, Bradwood.

Mrs. Allie Barrett, Colored Woman's Club, Danville.

Mrs. Wilkerson, Woman's Aid, Peoria.

Mrs. Allicia Lewis, Woman's Aid, Peoria.

Mrs. Addie Brown, Woman's Aid, Peoria.

1918—

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Mrs. Mary Prentiss, Civic League, Chicago.

Mrs. Tina Johnson, 37th Precinct Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Carrie Tucker, Eureka Fine Arts, Chicago.

Mrs. Anna Sharp, West Side Woman's Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Ellen Steward, West Side Woman's Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Clara Porter, Volunteer Workers Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Mattie Wright, Volunteer Workers Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Rachel Sanders, Volunteer Workers Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Kansas Hanson, North Side Woman's Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Carrie Jackson, Social Art and Literature.

Mrs. Addie Brown, Social Art and Literature, Peoria.

Mrs. Mamie Smith, Ladies' Lilac Club, Peoria.

Mrs. Claire Dudley, Ladies' Lilac Club, Peoria.

Mrs. O. A. Hardison Yates, Woman's Club, Cairo.

Miss Leonia Ford, Domestic Art Club, Bloomington.

Mrs. Fannie Robinson, Hallie Q. Brown Club, Moline.

Mrs. Cordelia Holmes, Hallie Q. Brown Club, DuQuoin.

1919—

Mrs. Susie Simpson, American Rose Art Club, Chicago.

Mrs. M. Stewart, American Rose Art Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Mary Lewis, West Side Woman's Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Fannie Taylor, West Side Woman's Club, Chicago.

Mrs. P. E. Bunch, Town of Lake, Chicago.

Mrs. Barbara Adams, Community Club, Carbondale.

Mrs. Nelle Luster, Domestic Art Club, Bloomington.

Mrs. Glenna Caldwell, Domestic Art Club, Bloomington.

Mrs. Jessie Seroggins, Domestic Art Club, Bloomington.

Mrs. Oneita Grigsby, Domestic Parent-Teachers' Club, Mounds.

Mrs. Ella Allen, Phyllis Wheatley, Galesburg.

Mrs. Mollie Robinson, Hallie Q. Brown, Moline.

Mrs. Fannie Brown, Home Economics Club, Champaign.

Mrs. Arzenia Harrison, Maywood and Oak Park Improvement.

Mrs. Ella Dickerson, Progressive Art, Rock Island, Ill.

Mrs. Melinda Johnson, Woman's Aid, Peoria.

Mrs. Addie Conway, Woman's Aid, Peora.

Miss Helen K. Fields, Yates Club, Cairo.

1920—

Mrs. Estella Miller, Young Matron's Culture Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Maud Forbes, Parliamentary City Federation.

Mrs. Hester Kennedy, Guademus Charity, Chicago.

Mrs. Maud Glover, Autumn Leaf, Galesburg.

Mrs. Etta Simms, Agnes Moody, Monmouth.

Mrs. Josephine Coluest, Hallie Q. Brown Club, Moline.

Mrs. Belle Smith, Hallie Q. Brown Club, DuQuoin.

Mrs. Lizzie Dement, Hallie Q. Brown Club, DuBuoin.

Mrs. Cnderella McGruden, Industrial Club, MaComb.

Mrs. Emma McGolden, Cornell Charity Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Musader Anderson, ex-Chairman State Executive Comm.

1921—

Mrs. Lee, Woman's Civic League, Chicago.

Mrs. Margaret Brown, Woman's Civic League, Chicago.

Mrs. Houston Woman's Civic League, Chicago.

Mrs. Patsy Brown, West Side Woman's Club, Chicago.

Mrs. Elnora Hardin, Volunteer Workers, Chicago.

Mrs. Cynthia Yocum, Union Charity, Chicago.

Mrs. Julia Henderson, Town of Lake, Chicago.

Mrs. Melissa Coleman, Progressive Art, Rock Island.

Mrs. Juda Barnett, West Side Ladies' Art, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Alberta Wheeler, Domestic Art, Bloomington.

Mrs. Emma Morse, Domeste Art, Bloomington.

Mrs. Henrietta Jones, Sunshine Club, Harrisburg.

Mrs. Barnetta Williams, Young Ladies' Married Industrial, Chicago.

Mrs. Fannie Neal, Yates Woman's Club, Cairo.

Mrs. Lida Tyler, Tr-City Club, Cairo.



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Ladie  
1917 Ladie  
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Organized Name	Location	President	Corresponding Secretary
1903	Agnes Moody, Monmouth	Mrs. Flood	Lavinia May, 701 S. 6th Street
1909	American Rose Art, Chicago	Mrs. A. Anderson	Mrs. K. Clayton, 4217 Evans Avenue.
1914	Ansonia Culture Club, Aurora	Mable Miller	Dora Hunter, 451 Odgen Street.
1913	Art and Study, Moline	Nora B. Brown	Edith May Stewart, 1816 18th Street.
1890	Autumn Leaf, Galesburg	Emma Kidd	Eva Solomon, 1413 Haynor Avenue.
1914	Bt Sisters, Decatur	Mamie K. Carr	Carrie Gardner, 1035 W. Cerro Gordo.
1919	Benevolent Workers, Marion	Ruth Griffin	Annie Gaines, 1210 S. Liberty Street.
1918	Community Club, Carbondale	I. B. Thompson	Vivian M. Clarkson, N. Illinois Street.
1921	Colored Woman's Unity Club, Alton	Mamie Lawry	Gertrude E. Day.
1910	Chicago Union Charity, Chicago	Clara Brown	Daisy Sutton, 5130 Wabash Avenue.
1917	Central District Ill. Fed. Col. W. C. C.	Mildred Farrell	Susie Wallace, 119 N. 8th Street, Springfield.
1906	Chicago and Northern Dist. Ill. Fed.	Sadie L. Adams	Adah Davis, 392 N. West Street.
1909	Culture Club, Galesburg	Mattie Thompson	Elizabeth Thomas
1902	Conall Charity Club, Chicago	Elizabeth Thomas	Sadie Fleming, 1502 Fell Avenue.
1900	Colored Woman's Club, Bloomington	Emily Wilson	Flora Thompson, 1014 Harmon Avenue.
1902	Colored Woman's Aid, Danville	Azella Taylor	Bertha Hale.
1916	Domestic Art, Bloomington	Alberta Fields	Rosie Lindsay.
1916	Douglas Parent-Teachers', Mounds	Lettie Spann	Lena Raymond, 4837 Champlain Avenue.
1912	East Side Woman's, Chicago	Emma Owens	Maud Loving, South 3rd Street.
1920	Golden Seal, Murphysboro	Pearl Powell	Sarah Turner, 5316 Wabash Avenue.
1911	Guadalupe Charity, Chicago	Sadie L. Adams	Mrs. A. L. Anderson, 133 N. Maple Street.
1908	Halle O. Brown, DuQuoin	E. V. Barnett	Maud Robinson, 1187 35th Street, A.
1904	Halle O. Brown, Moline	Mamie Williams	Anna Tetter, 433 E. 45th Place.
1907	Imperial Art, Chicago	Bessie Bell	Lucy Smart, 530 E. 42nd Place.
1908	Ideal Woman's Club, Chicago	Fannie Turner	Annie Ferguson
1921	Industrial Club, Centralia	Laura Luske	Carrie Weatherspoon, 88 Washingt'n Blvd, Oak Pk.
1915	Improvement Club, M'v'd Oak Pk	Mabel Simpson	Etta May Payton.
1919	Jenier Sunbeam, Marion	Bertha B. Merriweather	Carrie Evans.
1898	Julia Gaston, Evanston	Loia Y. Downs	Ellen Rodgers, 6119 Ada Street.
1907	K. D. Tillman, Chicago	Elizabeth Thomas	Blanche DePriest, 531 Indiana Street.
1907	Ladies' Civic and Social Club, Rockford	Josephine Diamond	Florence Huston, 214 7th Street.
1917	Ladies' Lila, Peoria	Florence Broze	Zenobia Singleton, 615 12th Street.
1918	Mary Talbert, Cairo	Ella Jones	Ethel Reddick.
1919	Mothers' Club, DuQuoin	Daisy Weaver	Josephine Witt, 1003 Emerson Street.
1917	North Shore Ironworks Club, Evans'tn	Eva Rouse	Edk'ir Upstraw, 622 Locmis Street.
1907	North Pareil, Rockford	Minnie Gilbert	Fannie G. Lawson.
1911	Necessity Club, Chicago	Laura V. French	Eliza Holliday, 1340 N. Wells Street.
1901	North Side Woman's Club, Chicago	Ella Gaston	Minnie Patterson, 3518 Langley Avenue
1915	New Method Industrial, Chicago	Laura Yancy	Bell Taylor, 520 20th Avenue.
1901	Progressive Art, Rock Island	Edith Stewart	Lovee Hankins.
1911	Home Economic, Champaign	Eliza Maze	Mamie Smith.
1905	Phi Gamma Club, Peoria	Bel Butler	Helen Brown, 916 S. Central Avenue.
1911	Phyllis Wheatley, Paris	Elizabeth L. Davis	Ida Lucas, 6024 Aberdeen Street.
1896	Phyllis Wheatley, Chicago	Margherite Flemings	Dorothy Smally, 223 Michigan.
1910	Phyllis Wheatley, Galesburg	Josephine Smith	Fannie Boyden, 622 E. Harrison.
1921	Phyllis' Art, Danville	Lina Henry	Emma Chavis, 808 Frye Avenue.
1899	Peoria Woman's Aid, Peoria	Ella B. Thompson	Bella Claybrook.
1919	Richard Allen, Elkhvills	Velma Woods	Varona Shepperd.
1918	Sejourner Truth Club, Carbondale	Alice Beatty	L. W. Spann, Mounds.
1917	Southern Dist. Ill. Fed.	Lulu Bo'en	Della Clark.
1919	Silver Leaf, Mounds	Lucile Hill	Lucile Hill, 1919 E. Stuart Street.
1899	Springfield Col. V. Club, Springfield	Margaret Byrne	Ada Smith, Braidwood, Ill.
1913	Social Settlement, Chicago	Barbur	Lela Garnett, 622 E. Walnut Street.
1913	Sejourner Truth, Braidwood	Nancy Johnson	Sarah D. Haley.
1916	Sunshine Workers, Harrisburg	Lizzie Truitt	Mae Catlin Green, 527 W. 1st Street.
1916	Social Art and Literary, Peoria	Laura A. Gibson	Helen Jackson, 103 N. 14th Street.
1894	Thimble Circle, Galesburg	Mary A. Botts	Ida Tyler, 7716 Langley Avenue.
1916	Violet Thimble, East Saint Louis	Luaco Gladden	V. A. Singleton.
1905	Volunteer Workers, Chicago	Lulu Mae Williams	Mary Johnson, 530 W. Lafayette.
1917	Woman's Club, Br'kin, Lovejoy, F. O. Anna B. Dorsey	Glendora Hill	Jennie Morris, 208 N. Densmore.
1914	West Side Art Club, Jacksonville	Lizzie Samuels	N. B. Wade.
1919	West Side Woman's Club, Bloomington	Mary Burton	Ella May Pickett, Box 484.
1919	Woman's Club, Sparta	Nellie Kingcade	Nitta Huff, 560 W. Knox Street.
1913	Woman's Auxiliary, Canton	Mollie W. Crews	I. J. Jones, 1805 Tudor Avenue.
1913	Woman's Progressive Club, Galesburg	Mollie W. Crews	Garnett McGrouder, Cor. E. Marry and Monroe.
1909	Old Folk's Home Ass. E. St. Louis	M. L. Martin	Jesenia Laurie, 311 9th Street.
1909	Col. Women's Culture Club, Macomb	Violet Newsome	Jezzy Mosely.
1909	Woman's Improvement, Milwaukee	Willie B. Simpson	May Alesy.
1917	Woman's Opportunity Club, Mounds	Carrie Rushing	Louise Waller, 3236 Calumet Avenue.
1909	West Side Woman's Club, Chicago	Alice Bundy	Sarah B. Jones, 420 77th Street.
1897	Woman's Civic League, Chicago	Lula Wylie	Corra Corneal, 6447 Evans Street.
1905	Yates Woman's Club, Cairo	Alice Beatty	Violet Frazier, 29 W. 51st Street.
1911	Young Matron's Culture Club, Chicago	Emma J. Andrews	
1915	Young Married Ladies' Ind., Chicago	Ruth Steels	
	Clara Jasamine Charity, Chicago		
	Col. Woman's Club, Jacksonville		
	Iida B. Well Club, Chicago	Cordella West	





